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CREST OF THE STARS

JINTO!
JINTO!
JINTO, WHERE ARE YOU?
.....
GOODNESS, WE HAVE TO GET TO THE SHELTER ..
HAS HE GONE TO THE LOWER FLOOR?
I'M SORRY, RINA..
Mom died soon after I was born.
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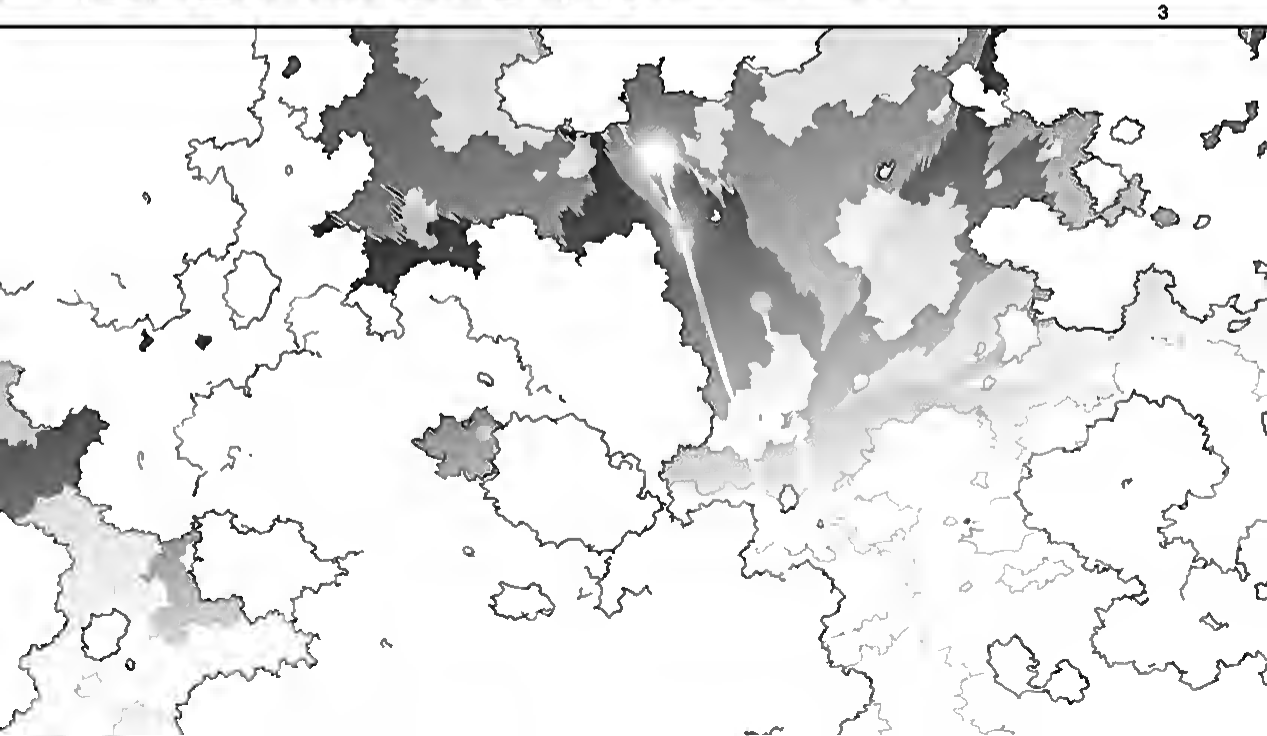
WHEN I WAS SMALL, I USED TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WERE MY ACTUAL PARENTS.
I NEVER KNEW MY MOTHER'S FACE, SO THERE'S STILL PART OF ME WHO THINKS OF RINA AS MY MOM.
AND I WAS SO RAISED BY MY ADOPTIVE PARENTS, TEAL AND RINA.
MY FATHER, A BUSY POLITICIAN, HAD PUT ME IN HIS FRIENDS' CARE.
AND MAYBE THAT WAS WHEN...
THEY TOLD ME TRUTH BEFORE I ENTERED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
WHEN I BEGAN GETTING THIS SENSE OF UNEASINESS,
AS IF I WAS SUDDENLY THROWN INTO SOME UNFAMILIAR PLACE.



A POPULAR SPACE OPERA AND MEGA-HIT ANIME,
NOW SERIALIZED BY KOICHIRO YONEMURA
WITH WORKS IN "MISSING GATE" AND "STREGA!"
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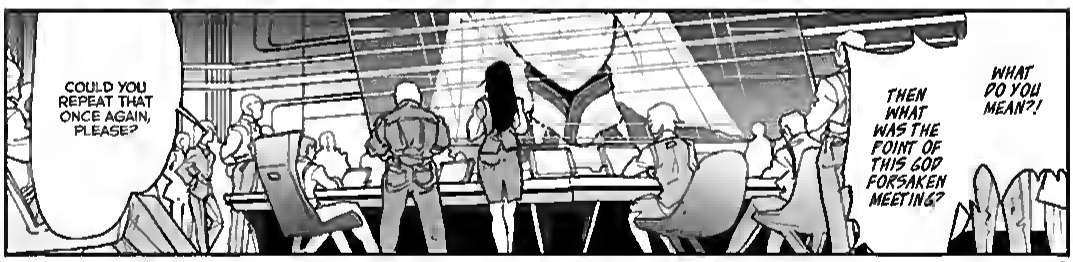
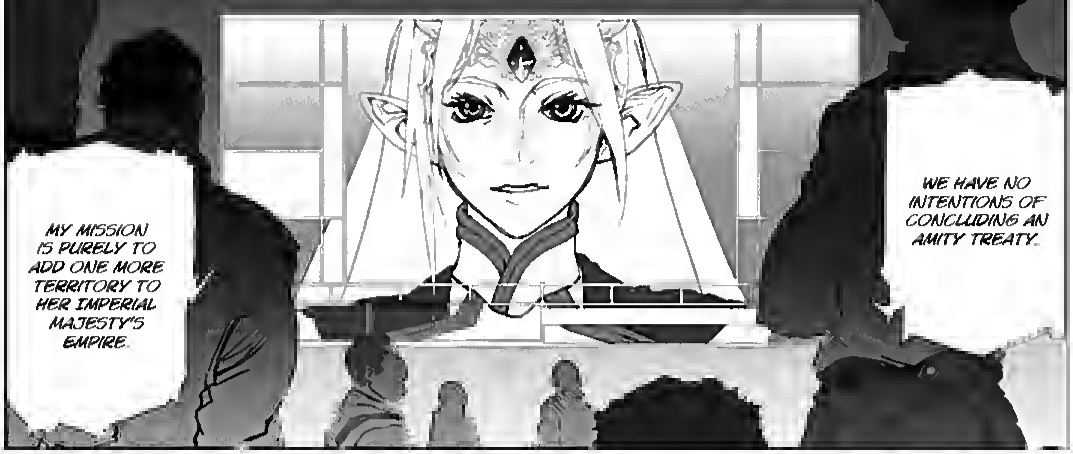
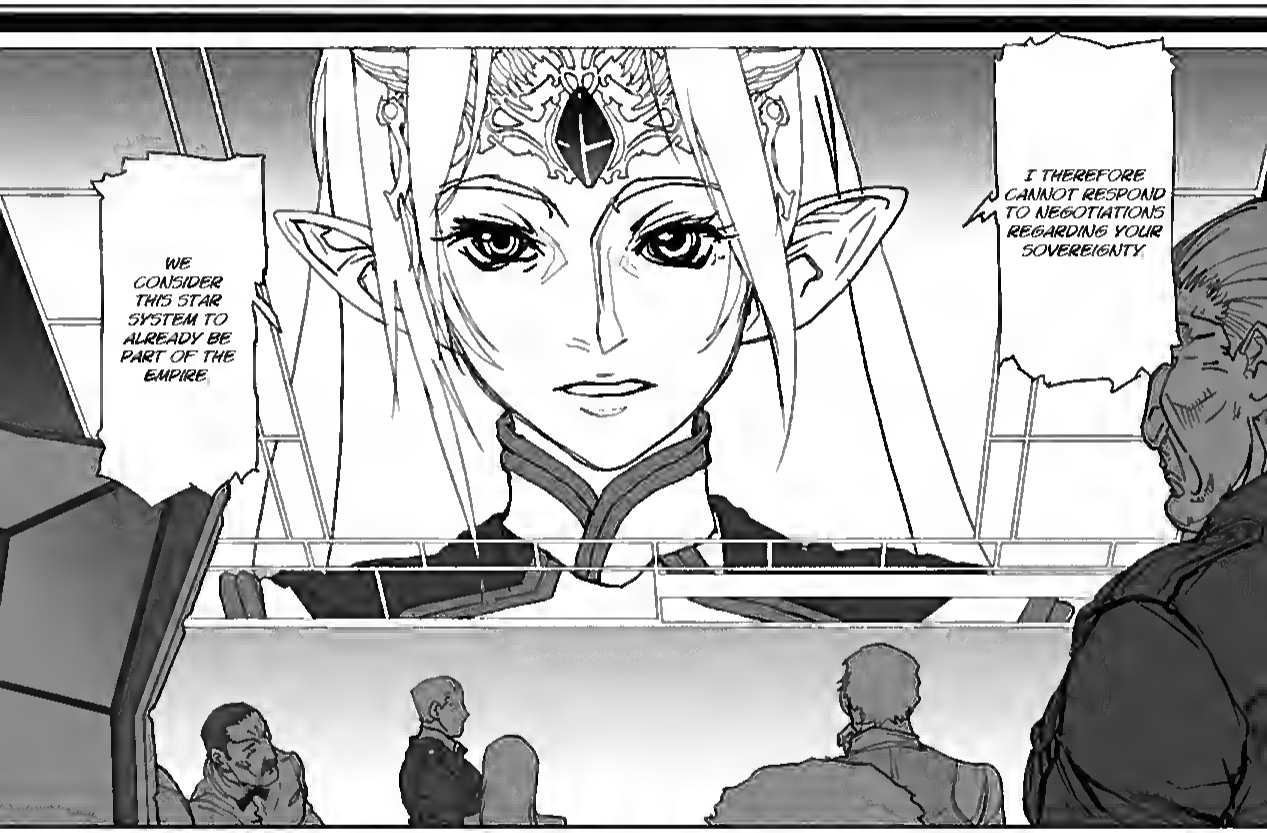

COULD YOU REPEAT THAT ONCE AGAIN, PLEASE?
THEN WHAT WAS THE POINT OF THIS GOD FORSAKEN MEETING?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!

VERY WELL.


MY MISSION IS PURELY TO ADD ONE MORE TERRITORY TO HER IMPERIAL MAJESTY'S EMPIRE.
WE HAVE NO INTENTIONS OF CONCLUDING AN AMITY TREATY.


WE CONSIDER THIS STAR SYSTEM TO ALREADY BE PART OF THE EMPIRE.
I THEREFORE CANNOT RESPOND TO NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING YOUR SOVEREIGNTY.

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They called themselves "the Humankind Empire of Abh".
WHA...

ATTACK?
WHEN THE RESIDENTS HAVE YET TO BE EVACUATED TO THE SHELTERS?
WE SHOULD ATTACK! NOW!
WE'RE A DAMN INDEPENDENT NATION. WE CANNOT AGREE TO THIS!
ALL WE HAVE ARE SEVERAL SURFACE-TO-ORBIT MISSILES.
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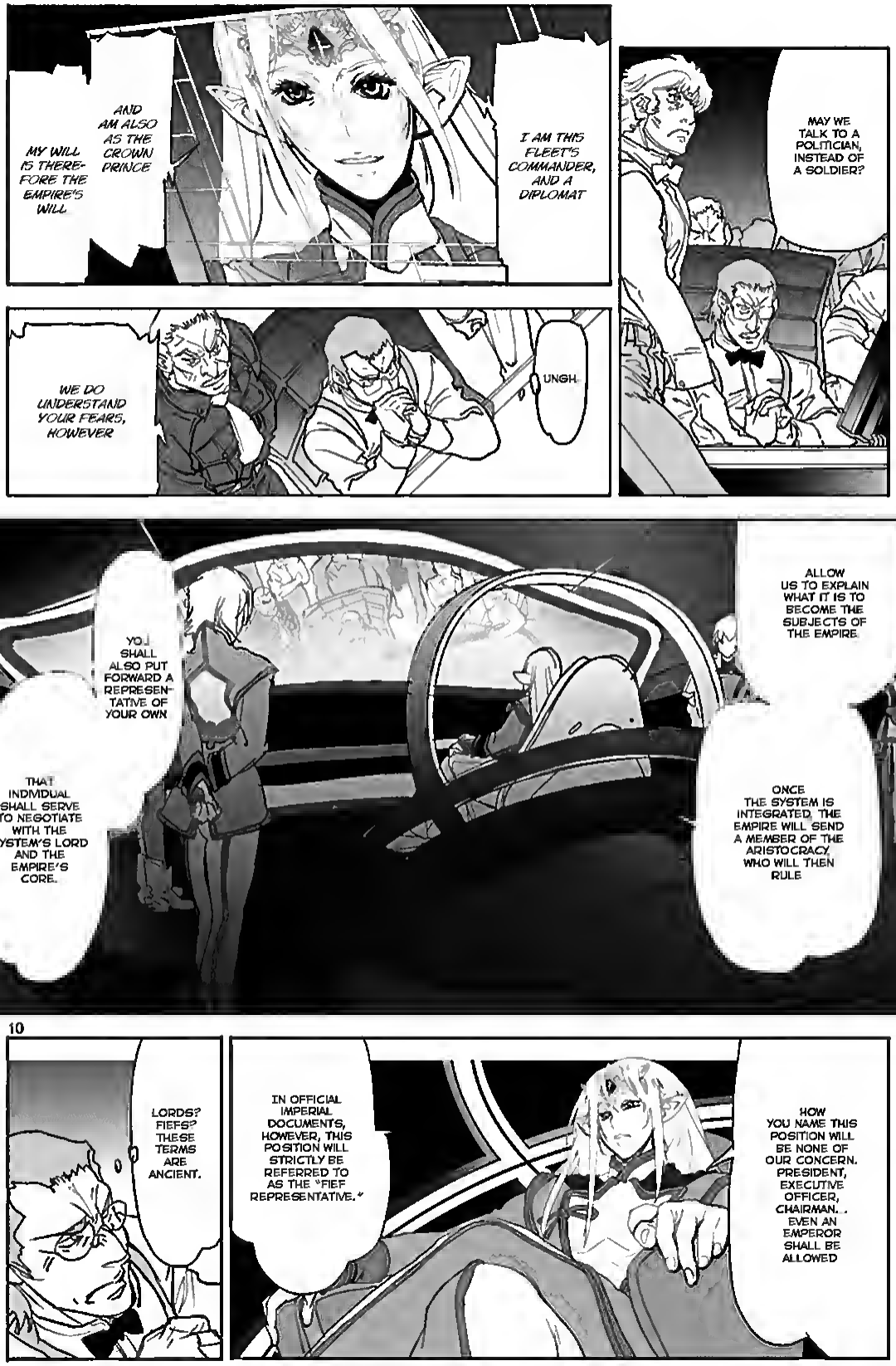
UNGH...
...AND A DOZEN OR SO OBSERVATION SATELLITES.
HOW DO YOU INTEND TO BATTLE AGAINST THAT FLEET?

Several centuries ago, we left Earth, our home, and immigrated to this planet
We had persistently tried to find an Earth-like planet rich with oxygen and had found this place.
They said that the Abh are descendants of fleets that had left Earth, just like us


I AM THIS FLEET'S COMMANDER, AND A DIPLOMAT
AND AM ALSO AS THE CROWN PRINCE
MY WILL IS THEREFORE THE EMPIRE'S WILL
MAY WE TALK TO A POLITICIAN, INSTEAD OF A SOLDIER?
UNGH.
WE DO UNDERSTAND YOUR FEARS, HOWEVER
ALLOW US TO EXPLAIN WHAT IT IS TO BECOME THE SUBJECTS OF THE EMPIRE.
YOU SHALL ALSO PUT FORWARD A REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR OWN
ONCE THE SYSTEM IS INTEGRATED, THE EMPIRE WILL SEND A MEMBER OF THE ARISTOCRACY, WHO WILL THEN RULE
THAT INDIVIDUAL SHALL SERVE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE SYSTEM'S LORD AND THE EMPIRE'S CORE.
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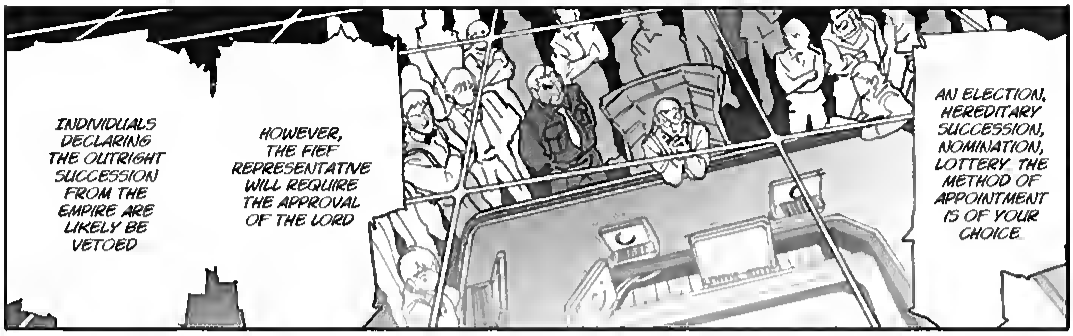
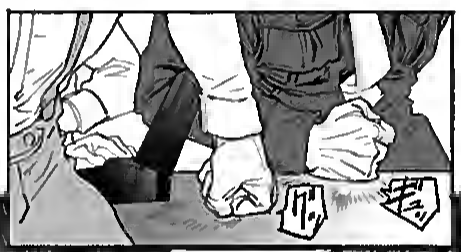
LORDS? FIEFS? THESE TERMS ARE ANCIENT.
IN OFFICIAL IMPERIAL DOCUMENTS, HOWEVER, THIS POSITION WILL STRICTLY BE REFERRED TO AS THE "FIEF REPRESENTATIVE."
HOW YOU NAME THIS POSITION WILL BE NONE OF OUR CONCERN. PRESIDENT, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CHAIRMAN... EVEN AN EMPEROR SHALL BE ALLOWED


INDIVIDUALS DECLARING THE OUTRIGHT SUCCESSION FROM THE EMPIRE ARE LIKELY BE VETOED
HOWEVER, THE FIEF REPRESENTATIVE WILL REQUIRE THE APPROVAL OF THE LORD
AN ELECTION, HEREDITARY SUCCESSION, NOMINATION, LOTTERY. THE METHOD OF APPOINTMENT IS OF YOUR CHOICE.

AS LONG AS THE SURFACE POPULACE ARE CAPABLE OF SELF RULE WITHOUT ISSUE.
WE CONSIDER THE RULING OF THE SURFACE WORLDS
TO BE A TASK FAR FROM GRACEFUL
AND WILL NOT OVERLY INTERFERE

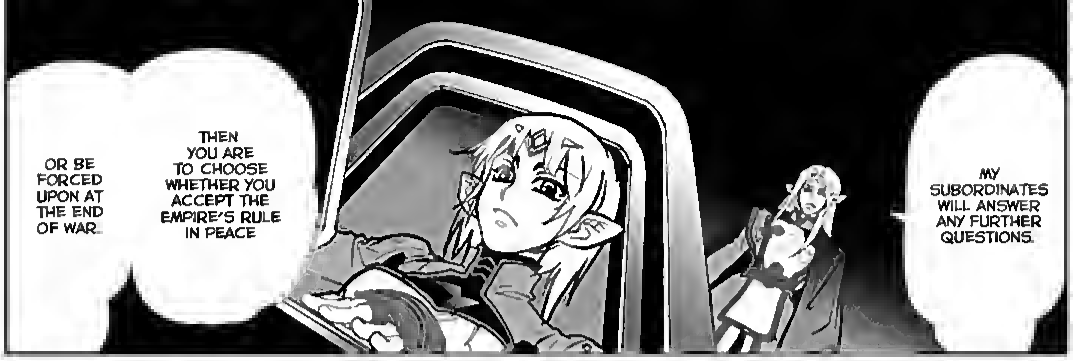


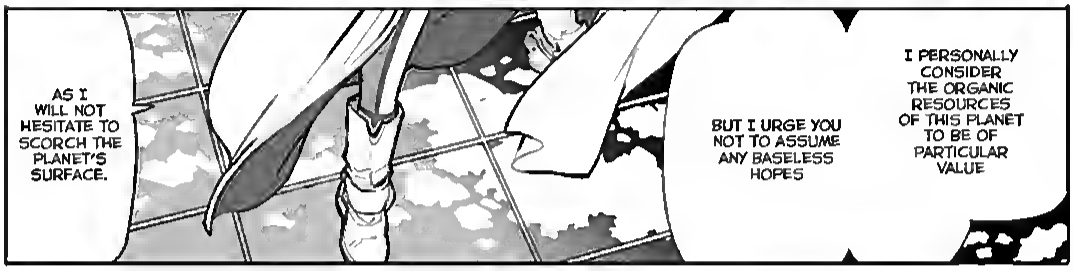
OUR WORK... ON THE SURFACE?
FAR FROM GRACEFUL...?

THE EMPIRE DOES NOT GRANT THIS AUTHORITY.
FURTHERMORE, THE LORD DOES NOT HOLD THE RIGHT OF TAXATION.
THE PROFITS GENERATED FROM TRADE WILL BE THE LORD'S LIVELIHOOD.
INSTEAD, IT IS ALLOWED THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN COMMERCE WITH OTHER STAR SYSTEMS.
DO THEY NOT EVEN CARE ABOUT THE SURFACE?
THEN WHAT'S THE POINT OF THIS ANNEXATION!

THE EMPIRE FORCES UPON YOU AS A PRINCIPLE THE FOLLOWING TWO MATTERS.
AND HOW IS THIS ANY DIFFERENT TO RELATIONS THROUGH A PEACE TREATY?
FIRST, THE POSSESSION OF INTER-SYSTEM FLIGHT CAPABLE STARSHIPS, INCLUDING BOTH FASTER-THAN-LIGHT AND STANDARD PROPULSION, SHALL BE FORBIDDEN.
THE NAVIGATION AND TRADE TO OTHER STAR SYSTEMS SHALL BE A RIGHT EXCLUSIVE TO THE LORD.
THEY'RE TRYING TO PUT A DIVIDE BETWEEN THE SURFACE AND SPACE!
ARE THEY TELLING US TO STAY PUT?
ARE THEY TRYING TO KEEP US TRAPPED ON THE PLANET?
HOWEVER, ARMAMENTS ARE STRICTLY DISALLOWED
IT IS POSSIBLE FOR EXCEPTIONS WHERE STANDARD PROPULSION VESSELS ARE ALLOWED WITHIN THE SYSTEM

SHALL ANNUL THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE FIEF GOVERNMENT, BECOME AN IMPERIAL CITIZEN, AND BE PROTECTED BY THE EMPIRE.
SECOND, A RECRUITMENT OFFICE FOR THE IMPERIAL STAR FORCES SHALL BE ESTABLISHED.
THESE ARE CALLED VASSALS, WHICH WILL PROVIDE GREAT CHANGES TO THOSE WHO CHOOSE THIS PATH
THOSE WHOM IN THEIR OWN VOLITION WISH TO WORK FOR THE EMPIRE, SUCH AS JOINING THE STAR FORCES OR BECOMING THE LORD'S WORKER

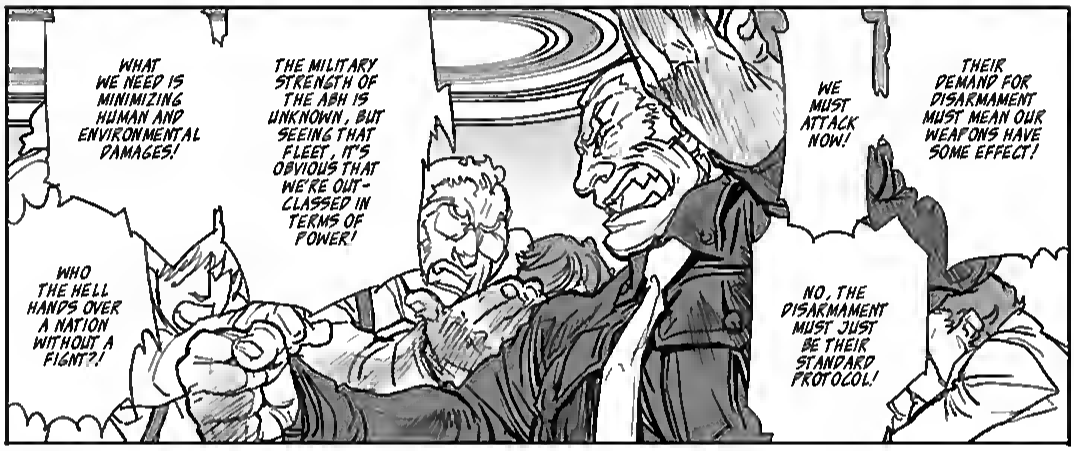

MY SUBORDINATES WILL ANSWER ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS.
THEN YOU ARE TO CHOOSE WHETHER YOU ACCEPT THE EMPIRE'S RULE IN PEACE
OR BE FORCED UPON AT THE END OF WAR.


I PERSONALLY CONSIDER THE ORGANIC RESOURCES OF THIS PLANET TO BE OF PARTICULAR VALUE
BUT I URGE YOU NOT TO ASSUME ANY BASELESS HOPES
AS I WILL NOT HESITATE TO SCORCH THE PLANET'S SURFACE.

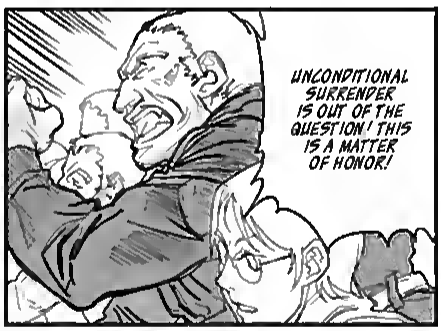
ALSO, YOU ARE FREE TO CONFUSE MY SUBORDINATES WITH LIMITLESS QUESTIONS,
BUT I CANNOT DARE PROVIDE YOU WITH AN INDEFINITE AMOUNT OF TIME

THE DEADLINE FOR YOUR RESPONSE SHALL BE EXACTLY THREE PLANETARY ROTATIONS FROM NOW.

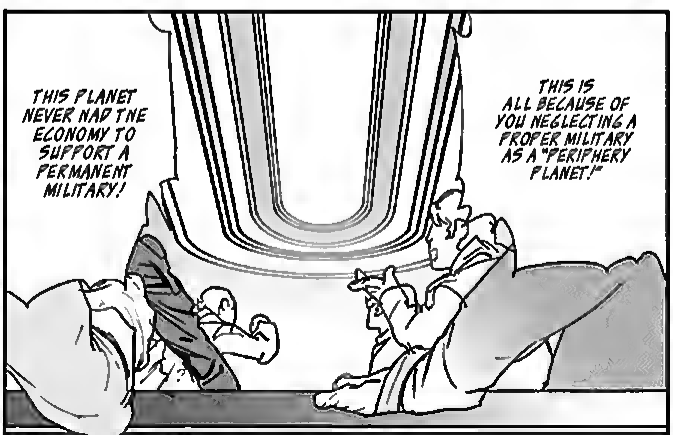
ARE WE GOING TO TAKE EVERY WORD OF THE INVADERS FOR GRANTED?
THOSE WARSHIPS ARE NOTHING BUT FOR SHOW!


WHAT WE NEED IS MINIMIZING HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGES!
THE MILITARY STRENGTH OF THE ABH IS UNKNOWN, BUT SEEING THAT FLEET, IT'S OBVIOUS THAT WE'RE OUT-CLASSED IN TERMS OF POWER!
WE MUST ATTACK NOW!
THEIR DEMAND FOR DISARMAMENT MUST MEAN OUR WEAPONS HAVE SOME EFFECT!
WHO THE HELL HANDS OVER A NATION WITHOUT A FIGHT?!
NO, THE DISARMAMENT MUST JUST BE THEIR STANDARD PROTOCOL!

THERE HAS GOT TO BE A CHANCE OF WINNING ON THE SURFACE!
IT'S A MATTER OF LIVES!
AND THAT WILL PUT THE RESIDENTS IN HARMS WAY!


UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER IS OUT OF THE QUESTION! THIS IS A MATTER OF HONOR!

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION, SIR?
CHIEF OFFICER!


THIS PLANET NEVER HAD THE ECONOMY TO SUPPORT A PERMANENT MILITARY!
THIS IS ALL BECAUSE OF YOU NEGLECTING A PROPER MILITARY AS A "PERIPHERY PLANET!"

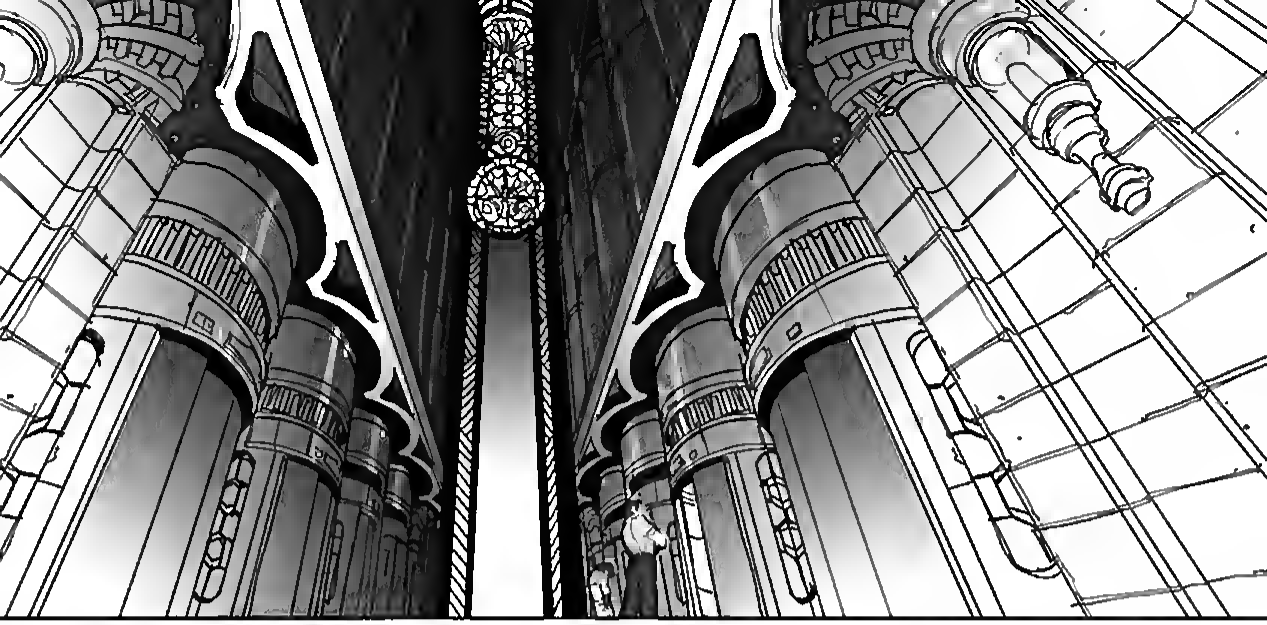
NO MATTER WHAT WE CHOOSE,
WE MUST...
.....
...WIN OVER AS MUCH COMPRO-MISE AND INTERESTS FOR THE SAKE OF THE FUTURE.
The decision of the gridlocked discussions were ultimately left up to Chief Officer Rock Linn
And three days had passed...

BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU.
JINTO
THERE YOU ARE.
I'LL GET BACK TO MY ROOM.
SORRY...
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT, YOU COME WITH ME.

THE CHIEF OFFICER'S RESIDENCE.
THE RESIDENCE?

BUT I THOUGHT YOU AND DAD WERE BOTH REALLY BUSY RIGHT NOW?
YES.
DAD'S PLACE?
HURRY UP!
HEY, WAIT!
?
WE DON'T HAVE TIME!

SHUT UP! JUST HURRY!
IF YOU ARE, I'M SORRY..
HEY, ARE YOU ANGRY ABOUT SOMETHING?
HE USUALLY WALKS A LOT SLOWER TO WAIT FOR ME..



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THERE'S NO WINNING OR LOSING. THERE WON'T BE ANY WAR.
SO, CAN WE WIN?

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THEN WE SURREN-DERED?
YEAH.
YOUR FATHER DECIDED THE SURRENDER.
NO
THAT'S NOT RIGHT

HE SOLD US.

WHAT DEAL...?
A DIRTY DAMN DEAL.
ROCK MADE A DEAL WITH THEM.
SOLD?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?
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WE COULDN'T HAVE WON.
SURE, I WAS AGAINST A WAR.
I-I'M SORRY.
STOP REPEATING ME LIKE SOME BIRD!
DAMMIT!
BUT THAT DAMN DEAL!
ROCK, SHAME ON HIM!

HIC.
WHAT'S
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HI-
HIC
.....
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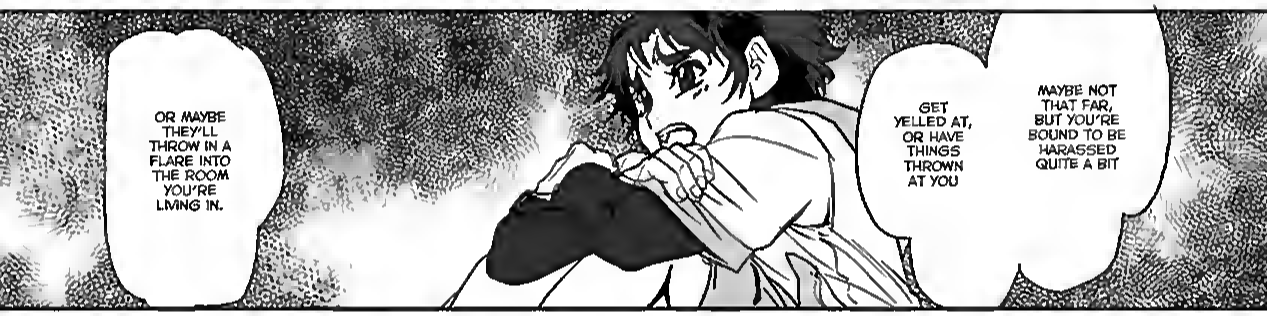
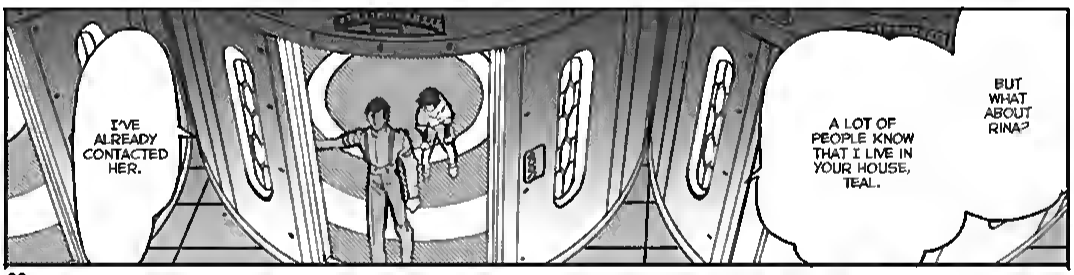
.....
I'M SORRY.
I KNOW IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.
THEN HE'S SURE TO BECOME THE BULLS-EYE FOR EVERYONE LIVING ON MARTINE.
WHAT IT'S ABOUT WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN LESS THAN 10 MINUTES.
LIKE I SAID, ROCK MADE A DEAL.
IF THEY CAN'T REACH HIM,
THEN THERE'LL BE THOSE WHO
WOULD TRY TO HAVE A GO AT HIS FAMILY.

AM I GOING TO BE LYNCHED?
MAYBE.

THE REASON I'M TAKING YOU TO THE RESIDENCE IS BECAUSE SECURITY'S SOLID THERE.


OR MAYBE THEY'LL THROW IN A FLARE INTO THE ROOM YOU'RE LIVING IN.
GET YELLED AT, OR HAVE THINGS THROWN AT YOU
MAYBE NOT THAT FAR, BUT YOU'RE BOUND TO BE HARASSED QUITE A BIT


I'VE ALREADY CONTACTED HER.
A LOT OF PEOPLE KNOW THAT I LIVE IN YOUR HOUSE, TEAL.
BUT WHAT ABOUT RINA?

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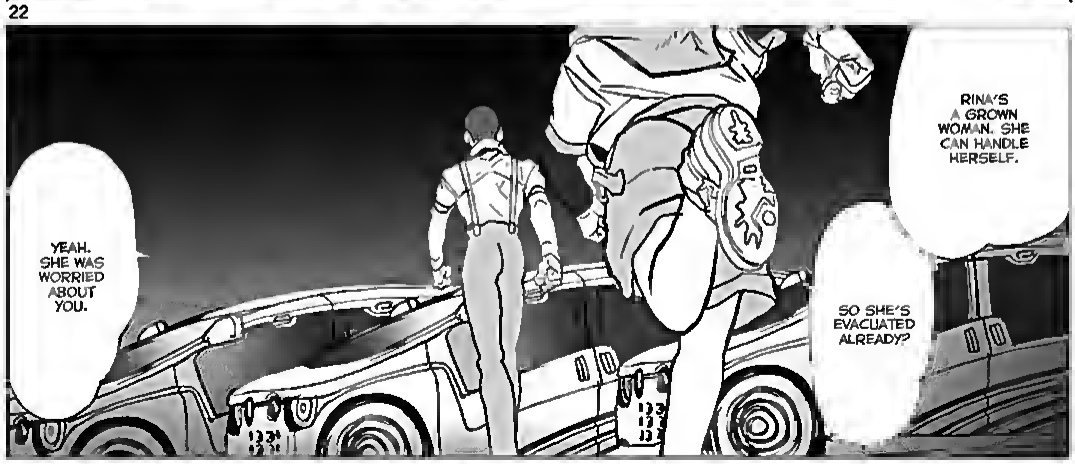
YEAH. SHE WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
RINA'S A GROWN WOMAN. SHE CAN HANDLE HERSELF.
SO SHE'S EVACUATED ALREADY?

OKAY
..
CHIEF OFFICER'S RESI-DENCE HURRY.
I CALMED HER DOWN TELLING HER I'D FIND YOU.
I wonder Could that have been true?
Rina would've been worried and tried to find me before anything else.
HEY...
.....
CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT THIS DEAL'S ABOUT?
IT'S CONFI-DEN-TIAL.
WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO TELL ORDINARY CITIZENS UNTIL THE ANNOUNCEMENT.
EVEN ME?

TURN ON THE HOLO! IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE ANNOUN-CEMENT
WHAT DO YOU MEAN ...?

HAH
ACTING LIKE THE PRIVILEGED ALREADY!

SO FAR, THERE HAS BEEN NO ACTIVITY BY THE ABH FORCES.
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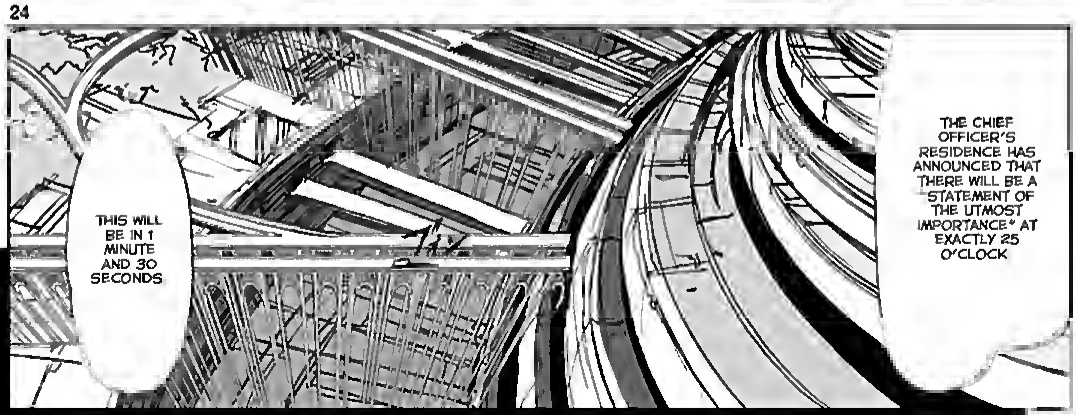
WE CAN ONLY HOPE THE INACCURACY OF THESE RUMORS,
AND HOPE THAT OUR LEADER WILL MAKE THE HONORABLE DECISION.

INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM SOURCES SAY THAT SUBJUGATION TO THE EMPIRE IS ALL BUT CERTAIN.
IT APPEARS THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME DISCUSSIONS HELD BETWEEN CHIEF OFFICER LINN AND THE INVADING FORCES.


THIS WILL BE IN 1 MINUTE AND 30 SECONDS
THE CHIEF OFFICER'S RESIDENCE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WILL BE A "STATEMENT OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE" AT EXACTLY 25 O'CLOCK

WE HAVE AN ANNOUN-CEMENT TO MAKE.
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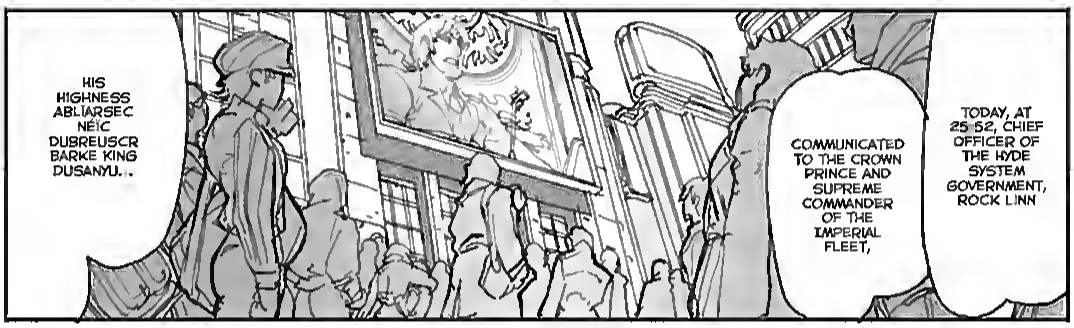
HIS HIGHNESS ABLIARSEC NÉIC DUBREUSCR BARKE KING DUSANYU...
COMMUNICATED TO THE CROWN PRINCE AND SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE IMPERIAL FLEET,
TODAY, AT 25:52, CHIEF OFFICER OF THE HYDE SYSTEM GOVERNMENT, ROCK LINN

FROM TODAY ONWARDS,
WE WILL BECOME PART OF THE HUMANKIND EMPIRE OF ABH.
...THE ABANDONMENT OF THE HYDE SYSTEM'S INDEPENDENCE.

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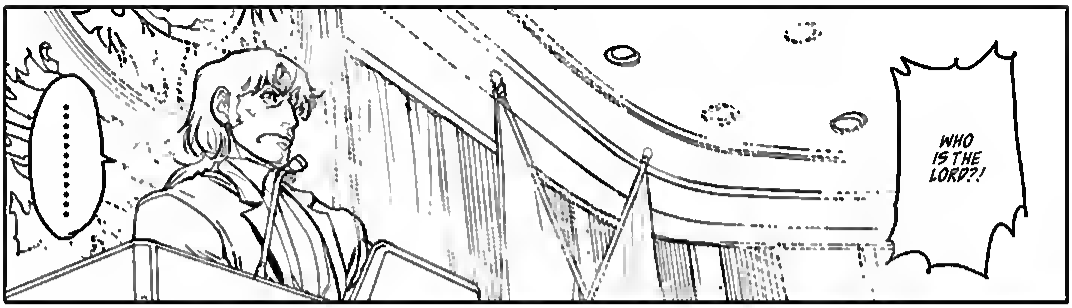
HOWEVER, THE CHAIR OFFICER PRESENTED A COMPROMISE, ALLOWING THE ADMINISTRATION OF TRAVEL TO OTHER STAR SYSTEMS AS A HYDE SYSTEM'S CITIZEN
STOP. THERE'S MORE.
BUT THIS DEAL...
I THOUGHT IT WAS UNAVOIDABLE?
IN OTHER WORDS,
THIS WAS A PLAN TO PROVIDE THE LORD FROM THE SYSTEM'S CITIZENSHIP.
.....
.....
HOW-EVER, I'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION THIS TIME.
PLEASE MAINTAIN ORDER.
IT'S NOT TIME FOR QUESTIONS YET.
!
IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE!

EXCHANGE FOR THE DISARMAMENT CODES OF THE ANTI-SPACE DEFENSE
OUR NEW RULERS ACCEPTED THIS CONDITION
SIMPLY PUT, THIS WAS INDEED POSSIBLE

AS I'VE SAID, NOT TIME FOR QUESTION YET
WHEN DO WE DECIDE THE LORD?!
UNFORTUNATELY, IN THE EMPIRE THE POSITION OF A LORD—THAT IS, THE NOBILITY—
CANNOT BE AFFECTED BY ELECTION RESULTS.
NOW,
AT FIRST, THE IDEA WAS TO SELECT THE LORD THROUGH ELECTIONS.
.....
THEN IT'S ALREADY CHOSEN!
ISN'T IT!?
HOLD ON!
YOU SAID "AT FIRST!"
NO! YOU'RE NOT FOOLING US HERE!
THE LORD IS MORE AN OWNER OF A SPACE TRADING COMPANY.
WE HAVE ALL HEARD THE EXPLANATIONS POSED BY SUPREME COMMANDER ABRIEL ABOUT THE EMPIRE AND THE SYSTEM.
WE DIDN'T HEAR ANY OF THIS!
WHEN? WHOSE CALL WAS THIS?!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WHO IS THE LORD?!

I KNOW IT, AND EVERYONE KNOWS IT TOO!
DAMN IT!

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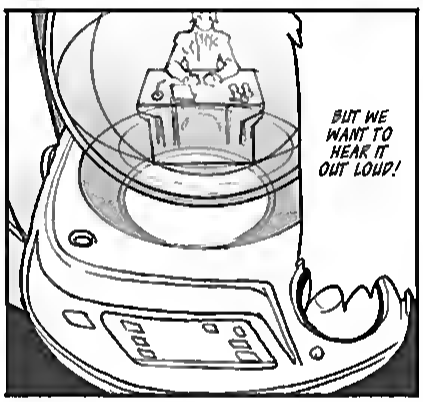
COME ON, GIVE US THE NAME OF OUR NEW MASTER!


BUT WE WANT TO HEAR IT OUT LOUD!

THIS SYSTEM WILL BE RULED BY...

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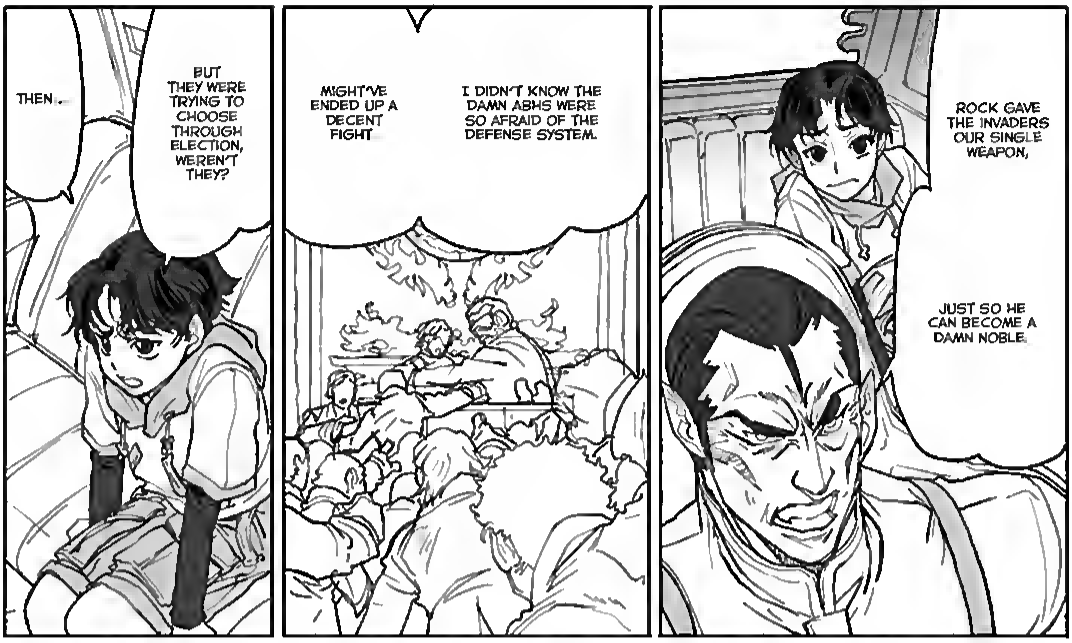
ROCK LINN.
THE CURRENT CHIEF OFFICER OF THE HYDE SYSTEM GOVERNMENT
ALL A LIE, RIGHT?
THIS IS...

YEAH.
THAT WAS THE DEAL.


THEN...
BUT THEY WERE TRYING TO CHOOSE THROUGH ELECTION, WEREN'T THEY?
I DIDN'T KNOW THE DAMN ABHS WERE SO AFRAID OF THE DEFENSE SYSTEM.
MIGHT'VE ENDED UP A DECENT FIGHT
ROCK GAVE THE INVADERS OUR SINGLE WEAPON,
JUST SO HE CAN BECOME A DAMN NOBLE.

HII!
LIKE I'D UNDERSTAND!

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AND HERE I WAS THINKING WE WERE BEST FRIENDS!

HE DIDN'T EVEN TRY TO CONSULT ME BEFOREHAND.
I ONLY HEARD HIS IDEAS AFTER EVERYTHING WAS OVER. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THE HELL THE FIRST CONDITIONS WERE.

To him, this was...
LORD LIAN WILL GIVE THE UTMOST CONSIDERATIONS TO THE REQUESTS OF OUR GOVERNMENT...
OH...
I GUESS HE THOUGHT THE ONLY THING THE FIRST SECRETARY CAN DO WAS TO BRING HIS KID TO SAFETY.
PLEASE, CALM DOWN!
a personal betrayal by my father to him.
IN FACT, HE INTENDS TO FOLLOW THE ORDERS FROM THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM GOVERNMENT AS LONG AS IT DOES NOT CONTRADICT THE EMPIRE'S.
IF YOU WOULD THINK CALM, YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WAS THE BEST OPTION.
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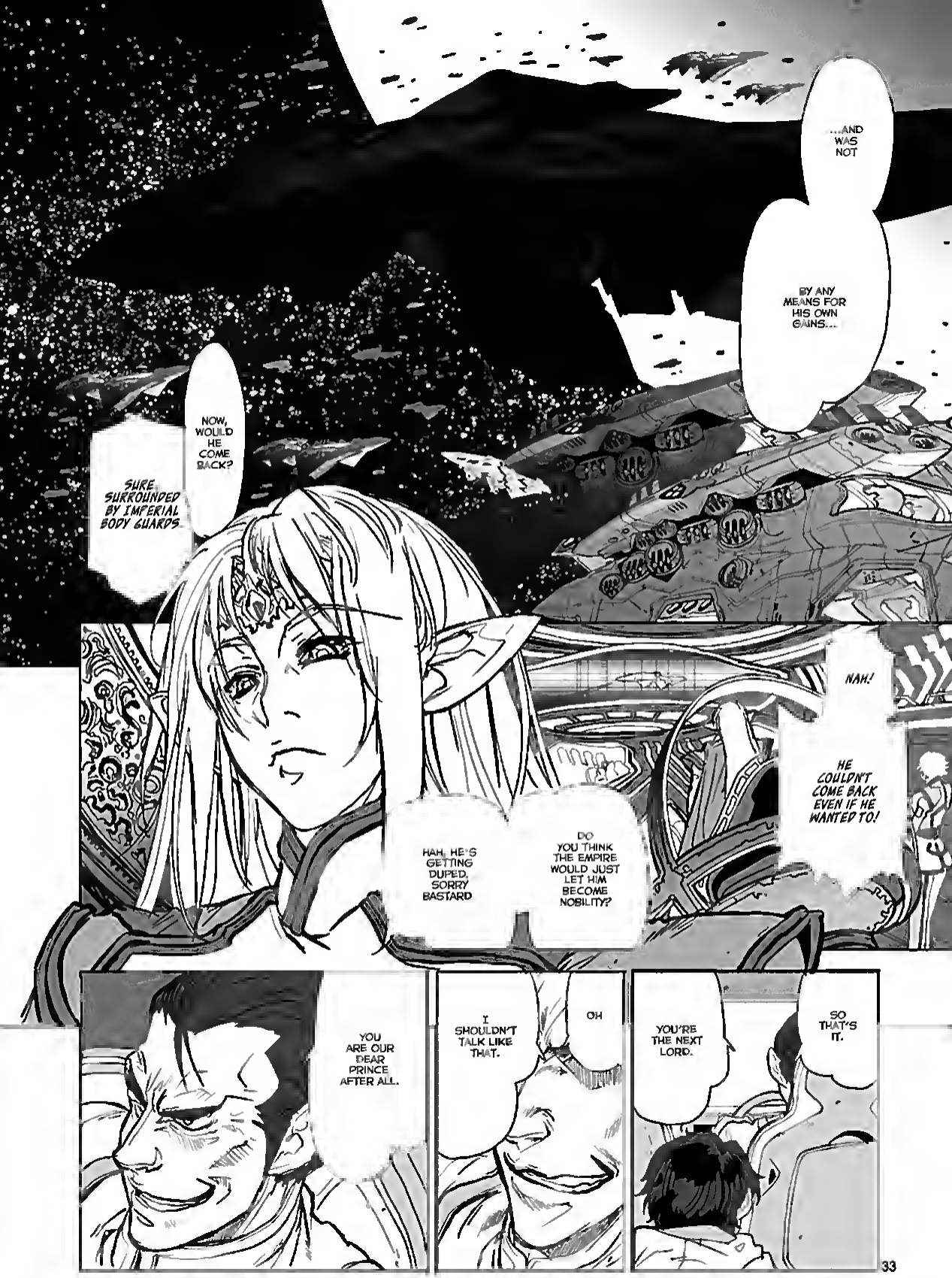
WE WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE GREATEST LIBERTIES OF ALL SYSTEMS UNDER IMPERIAL RULE
HOW CAN WE TRUST HIM?!
NON SENSE!
WE COULD NOT HOPE THIS FROM A BORN-NOBLE

IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE FINER DETAILS,
UM.
WHAT? ANSWER IT ALREADY!
SO WHERE'S CHIEF OFFICER...
NO, LORD LINN NOW?
YEAH! WHERE IS HE?
ROCK LINN HAS HEADED TO THE ABH FLEET FLAGSHIP IN ORDER TO RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL ENNOBLEMENT AT THE ABH CAPITAL.
HE HAS BOARDED THE ABH LANDING CRAFT AT FRENCH KNOLL,
AND IS CURRENTLY ABOARD THE VESSEL.
THE CHIEF OFFICER'S DECISION WAS SOLELY IN CONSIDERATION TO THE CITIZENS' WELLBEING...
EVERYONE! PLEASE UNDERSTAND
THAT'S WHY YOU DELAYED THE ANNOUN-CEMENT!
HE RAN!


...AND WAS NOT
BY ANY MEANS FOR HIS OWN GAINS...
NOW, WOULD HE COME BACK?
SURE. SURROUNDED BY IMPERIAL BODY GUARDS.
NAH!
HE COULDN'T COME BACK EVEN IF HE WANTED TO!
DO YOU THINK THE EMPIRE WOULD JUST LET HIM BECOME NOBILITY?
HAH. HE'S GETTING DUPED. SORRY BASTARD
SO THAT'S IT.
YOU'RE THE NEXT LORD.
OH
I SHOULDN'T TALK LIKE THAT.
YOU ARE OUR DEAR PRINCE AFTER ALL.

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THAT'S NOT FAIR, TEAL...
I BEG YOUR FORGIVE-NESS.
PLEASE DO EXCUSE MY RUDENESS, MILORD.
I'M TRYIN' MY BEST NOT TO YELL HERE!
DAMN!
BUT FUCK!
I'M DOING A HORRIBLE THING TO YOU RIGHT NOW.
I KNOW.
SAYING IT LIKE THAT...
THAT'S NOT FAIR.
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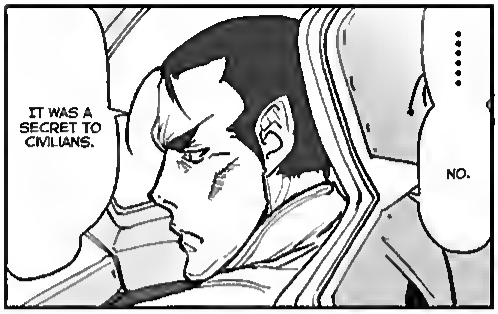
HEY...
WOULD YOU TELL ME JUST ONE THING
WHAT?


IT WAS A SECRET TO CIVILIANS.
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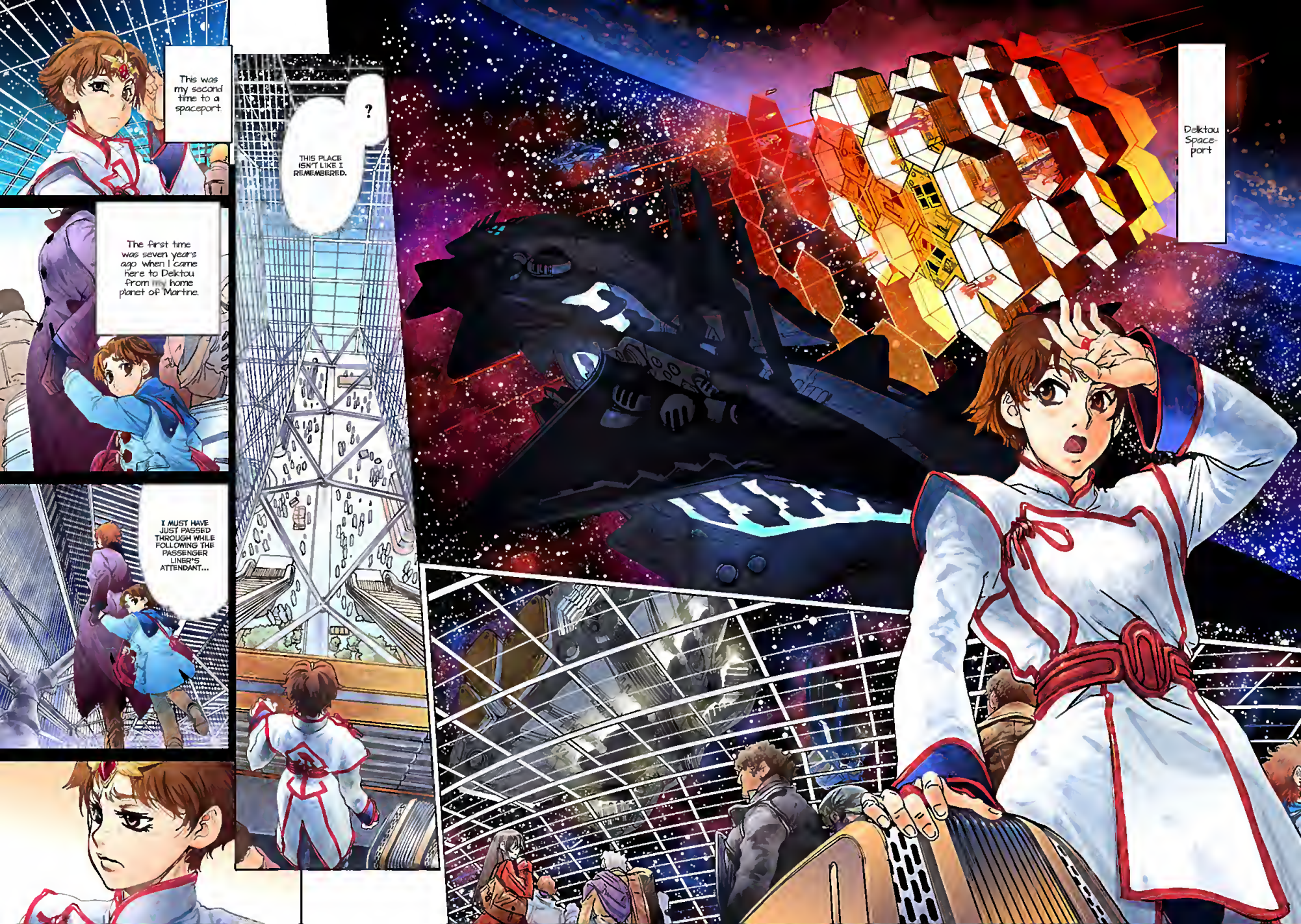
NO.

DID YOU TELL HER ABOUT THE DEAL?
WHEN YOU TOLD RINA TO RUN...

OKAY...

I understood that even as a child
Rina didn't look for me

that day
I lost many things


This was my second time to a spaceport.
The first time was seven years ago when I came here to Delktou from my home planet of Martine.
I MUST HAVE JUST PASSED THROUGH WHILE FOLLOWING THE PASSENGER LINER'S ATTENDANT...
?
THIS PLACE ISN'T LIKE I REMEMBERED.
Delktou Space-port

THESE CLOTHES SURE DO STAND OUT...
I GUESS YOU WOULDN'T NORMALLY FIND A NOBLE AROUND HERE.
!?
HEY! LINN JINTO!

KU DORIN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WHAT AM I DOIN' HERE?
YOU DUMB FUCK. I'M HERE TO SEE YOU OFF, THAT'S WHAT.

I SEE, THANKS.
OR WHAT. DOES A PROUD NOBILITY BRAT HATE THE IDEA OF BEING SEEN OFF BY A PEASANT KID?
HEY I SAID "THANKS" #LOCKHEAD! DON'T YOU KNOW THE WORD?
THE PRONUNCIATION'S TERRIBLE. YOU FAKE-AS-SHIT IMMIGRANT. YOU NEVER DID LOSE THAT ACCENT OF YOURS.
THAT IMPERIAL NOBLE OUTFIT LOOKS PRETTY GOOD TOO.
DON'T BOTHER. I KNOW THE THING LOOKS LIKE A COSTUME FOR A HISTORICAL PLAY
HEY, I'M FEELING GOOD HERE. A LANDER PEASANT BOY FACE TO FACE WITH AN NOBLE.
AND LOOK AT YOU STANDING OUT.
WANT ME TO TREAT YOU WITH COFFEE?
AND HEY, I THOUGHT YOU WERE LEAVING AT 1800? I WAS GETTIN' TIRED OF WAITING.
YOU SHOULD'VE LET ME KNOW. THEN WE COULD'VE MET UP

I SEE...
I'M THE ONLY ONE HERE THERE REST AREN'T COMING
DON'T BLAME THE GUYS ON THE TEAM.
IT'S ONLY BEEN THREE DAYS SINCE WE HEARD IT FROM YOU.
BUT A NOBLE...
EVERY ONE WAS JUST SURPRISED WE KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO AN ABH SCHOOL
DON'T TAKE IT TOO HARD.
THEY JUST DON'T KNOW HOW TO TREAT NOBLES, YA KNOW.
RIGHT?
NAH, PROBABLY NOT.
BUT IF YOU KNEW I WAS ONE, WOULD YOU HAVE LET ME IN?
I'M SORRY FOR NOT TELLING IT BEFORE.

IT'S BEEN SEVEN YEARS SINCE COMING TO THIS PLANET.
IT'S PRETTY MUCH HOME FOR ME.
SEVEN YEARS
?
WHY?
WHO KNOWS?
BE-CAUSE.
I'M SURE YOU GOT SOME FRIEND BACK HOME.
MAYBE THERE AREN'T ANY PLACES FOR ABH ON THE SURFACE AFTER ALL.
BUT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO'S FORGIVEN MY FORGED IDENTITY.
!
THE COUNT OF HYDE FAMILY'S TALE OF ESTABLISHMENT IS PRETTY MUCH A CRIME STORY.
WELL, THAT'S A NIGHT-MARE.
AND MY ADOPTIVE FATHER'S NOW A LEADER IN AN ANTI-GOVERNMENT MOVEMENT.
THE PEOPLE BACK HOME LOOK AT MY FATHER AND ME WITH DISDAIN

THE SITUATION'S APPARENTLY GETTING WORSE EVERY DAY SO I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF I CAN ACTUALLY GET HOME.
I WAS CONVINCED BY MY FATHER.
YOU SEE...
THEN WHY WOULD YOU?
AND YOU STILL WANT TO BE A LORD.
I DON'T.
IF TRADE IS HANDED TO AN IMPERIAL NOBLE, ALL THE PROFIT'S TAKEN BY HIM, AND THE CITIZENS WON'T EVEN GET THE SCRAPS.
THAT'S WHY A CITIZEN MUST BECOME THE LORD, AND ENGAGE IN COMMERCE INSTEAD...
PLANET MARTINE HAS A MAJOR RESOURCE. IT'S ECOSYSTEM THAT HAD EVOLVED SEPARATELY FROM THAT OF EARTH
BUT THAT BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE CAN ONLY BE AN ASSET WITH INTERSTELLAR COMMERCE
ABOUT WHAT?
BUT I'VE BEEN WONDERING RECENTLY...
THAT'S WHY I'M STILL BECOMING A NOBLE.
WELL, I DO TOO.
I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT.

YOU'RE BEING TOO SERIOUS.
.....
I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S EVEN A POINT IN OWNING TERRITORY...
ONCE MY DESCENDANTS HAVE THEIR GENES REWORKED AND START LOOKING LIKE AN ABH, WOULD THEY FEEL ATTACHED TO HOME AT ALL?
WELL, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BE A HYDE SYSTEM CITIZEN AND AN ABH NOBLE AT THE SAME TIME.
I MEAN, EVEN I FEEL ESTRANGED FROM HOME
JUST FORGET ABOUT THE HATERS!
HELL, I'M ALWAYS RIGHT.
YEAH. YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.
IF YOU DON'T INHERIT, OR IF IT ENDS WITH YOU, SO WHAT? WHO'S GONNA BOTHER?
FAMILY BUSI-NESS
IT'S BASICALLY A FAMILY BUSINESS, SO ALL YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT, IS WHETHER YOU NEED TO TAKE OVER OR NOT.

NO, I'M HEADED TO LAKFAKALLE
SO, THEN YOU'RE GOING BACK HOME.
IF YOU'RE GONNA LIVE ON THIS PLANET, I'LL HIRE YOU AS AN UNDERLING WHEN I START MY OWN BUSINESS
THAT MIGHT BE AN IDEA.
WHY DON'T YOU JUST QUIT THE NOBILITY!
GREAT.
THEN WE'LL USE YOU AS AN ADVERT, "WE'RE HIRING A FORMER IMPERIAL NOBLE".
YOU'RE GONNA BE A SOLDIER?!
YUP.
ANOTHER STUDY ABROAD THIS TIME AT THE PAYMASTER ACADEMY.
THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL? WHY?
WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S A SCHOOL TO TRAIN MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS.
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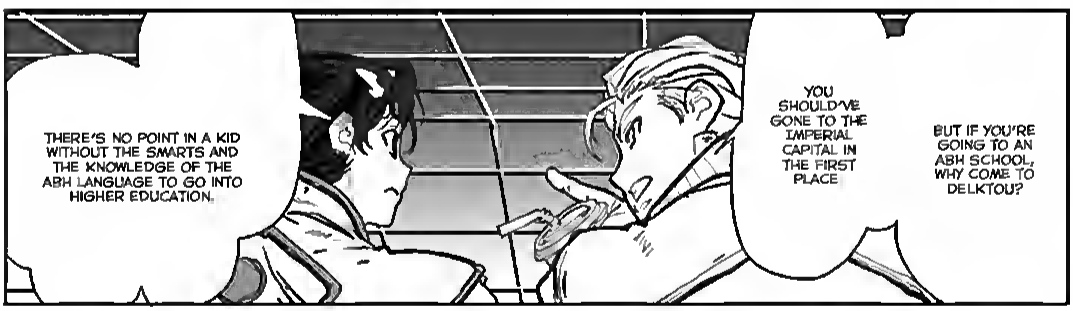
BUT YOU GOT YOUR OWN TERRITORY. WHY WOULD YOU...?
IT'S DUTY.
YOU NEED TO WORK AT LEAST 10 YEARS AS A STAR FORCE OFFICER TO INHERIT THE NOBLE TITLE

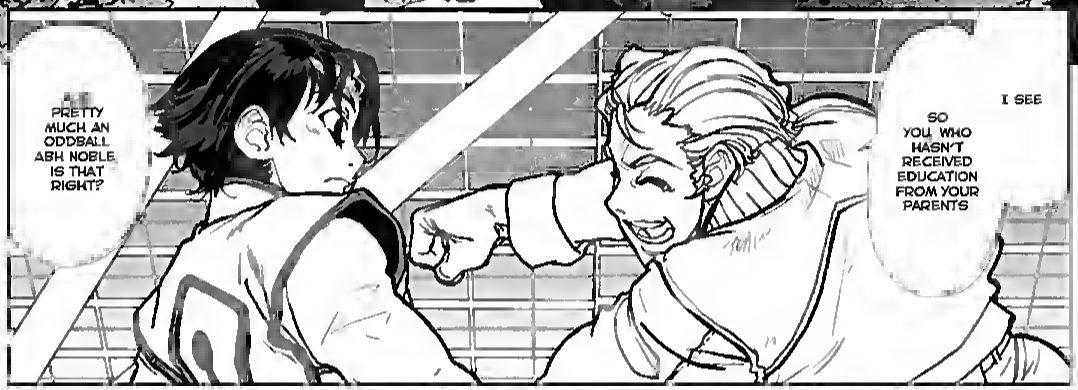
I LIKE HOW HIGHER THE TITLE DEMANDS MORE DUTY.
IT MAKES MORE SENSE THAN THE OTHER WAY AROUND.
BEING NOBILITY ISN'T EASY, THEN.


THERE'S NO POINT IN A KID WITHOUT THE SMARTS AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ABH LANGUAGE TO GO INTO HIGHER EDUCATION.
YOU SHOULD'VE GONE TO THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL IN THE FIRST PLACE
BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO AN ABH SCHOOL, WHY COME TO DELKTOU?

WELL,
THEN HOW DO THEY LEARN HOW TO READ AND WRITE?
WHAT?!
THE IMPERIAL CITY DOESN'T HAVE ANY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLING FOR ABHS.

THEIR PARENTS TEACH THEM.
THE ABH SOCIETY IS A NOBILITY BASED ONE, AND THEY FOCUS ON FAMILY TRADITIONS.
AND THEY SAY THAT TO HAVE KIDS INHERIT THEIR FAMILY TRADITIONS,
IT'S VITAL FOR THE PARENTS TO EDUCATE THEM SINCE THEIR YOUTH.
WHEN CHILDREN ARE YOUNG, THEY LEAVE WORK TO FOCUS ON TEACHING,
AND USE AUTOMATED TEACHERS FOR KNOWLEDGE THE PARENTS MIGHT HAVE FORGOTTEN
CONCENTRATE ON BRINGING UP A BETTER SUCCESSOR,
AND TRAINING CAMPS TO LET THEM EXPERIENCE GROUP LIFE.
OR SO I'VE HEARD, ANYWAY

SOME SAY THAT ABH BECOME ABH THROUGH VERBAL INHERITENCE
THAT NOBILITY STUFF 'EM AND ALL. THAT'S OLD FASHIONED, HUH.

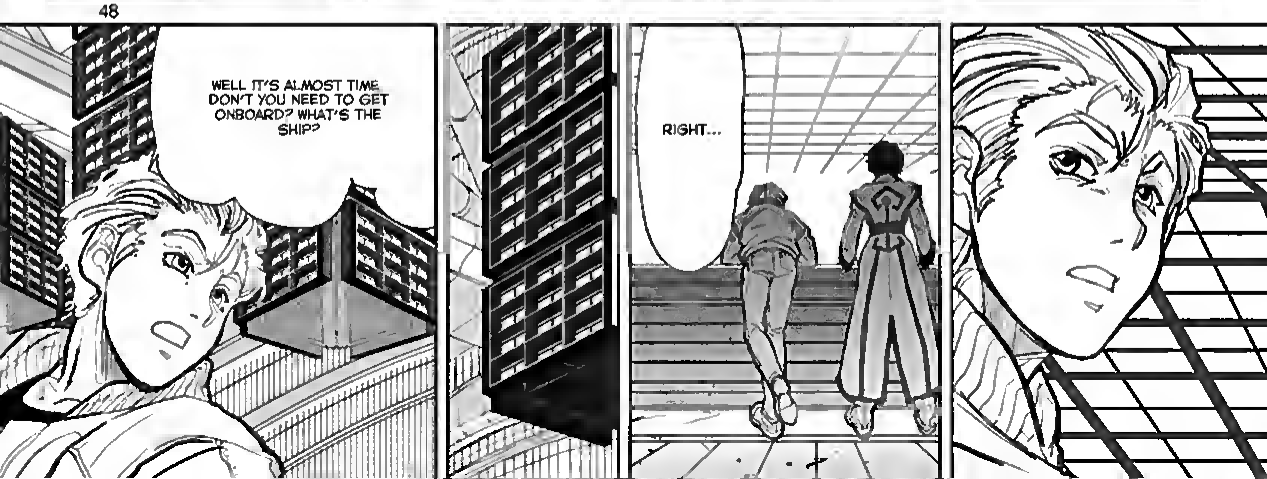

I'M PRETTY MUCH AN ODDBALL ABH NOBLE, IS THAT RIGHT?
I SEE
SO YOU, WHO HASN'T RECEIVED EDUCATION FROM YOUR PARENTS

I DID THINK ABOUT IT.
YOU MIGHT'VE LOOKED ABH IF YOU'D HAVE AT LEAST DYED YOUR HAIR!

A LANDER WEARING IMPERIAL NOBILITY CLOTHING IS ABOUT AS COMMON AS A DOG USING CHOPSTICKS.

PRETTY MUCH.
JUST LIKE HOW IT LOOKS.

YUP.
AND I GUESS THERE'S NUMBER TWO.
I'M LEGALLY ABH, BUT MY GENES SAY I'M A LANDER.
I WAS AFRAID I'D FALL INTO THE DELUSION OF BEING A REAL ABH.
FIRST.
THEN WHY NOT?
I BECAME AN IMPERIAL NOBLE BY SOME ODD ACCIDENT.
BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE TAKEN AS BEING HAPPY ABOUT IT.
THE OTHER I GUESS IS MY PRIDE


WELL IT'S ALMOST TIME. DON'T YOU NEED TO GET ONBOARD? WHAT'S THE SHIP?
RIGHT...

IT'S AN IMPERIAL WARSHIP.
SO I DECIDED TO USE THAT RIGHT.
I'M GONNA BE AN OFFICER ANYWAY, AND I WANTED TO TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT IT'S LIKE ON A WARSHIP.
WHAT?
STUDENTS ADMITTED TO THE ACADEMIES HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF RIDING ALONG ON AN IMPERIAL VESSEL.
I'M WEARING THIS THING SO ITS EASIER FOR THEM TO FIND ME. KIND OF PRIMITIVE FOR A SPACE-FARING RACE, DON'T YOU THINK?
DON'T KNOW. SOMEONE'S SUPPOSED TO PICK ME UP HERE AT 1800.
BUT HEY WOULD A WARSHIP EVEN FIT IN THIS SPACEPORT?

I SEE.
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WHY?
WOULDN'T YOU WANNA WATCH ME GET "APPREHENDED"?
THEN I BETTER HEAD OUT NOW THEN.
YEAH. DON'T KNOW IF IT'S ABH,
BUT A STAR FORCE TROOPER IS SUPPOSED TO SHOW UP.
AN ABH SOLDIER'S COMING HERE?
MY EYES'LL PROBABLY SWELL UP WITH TEARS OF PITY.
I'LL PASS.
SO WHAT'S YOUR OFFICIAL NAME?
STOP FLATTERING ME, I'M BLUSHING.
YEAH RIGHT.
SO SAYS THE COLDEST BASTARD IN DELKTOU.
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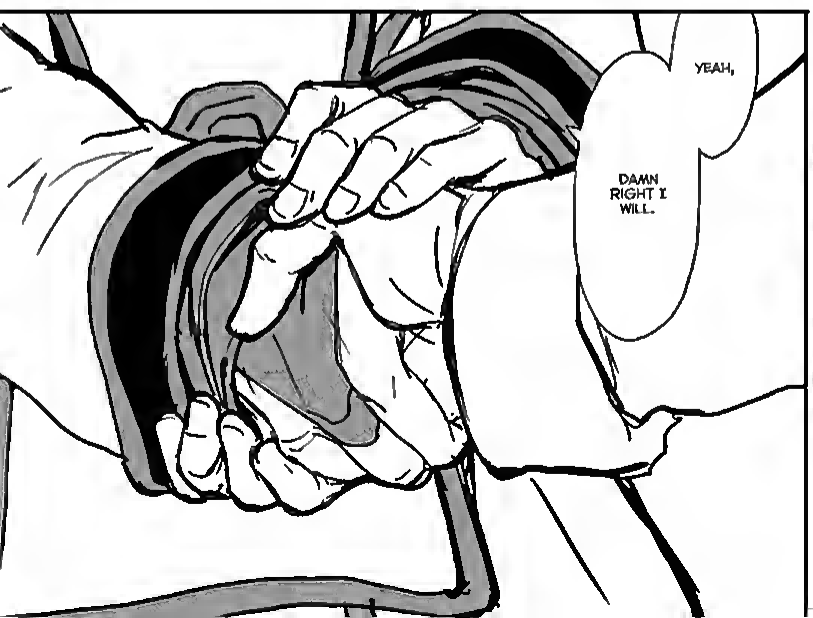
UH...
LINN SSYNEC RAUCR COUNT PRINCE OF HYDE, JINTO.
I THINK.

THEN YOU BETTER REMEMBER MY NAME "KU DORIN."

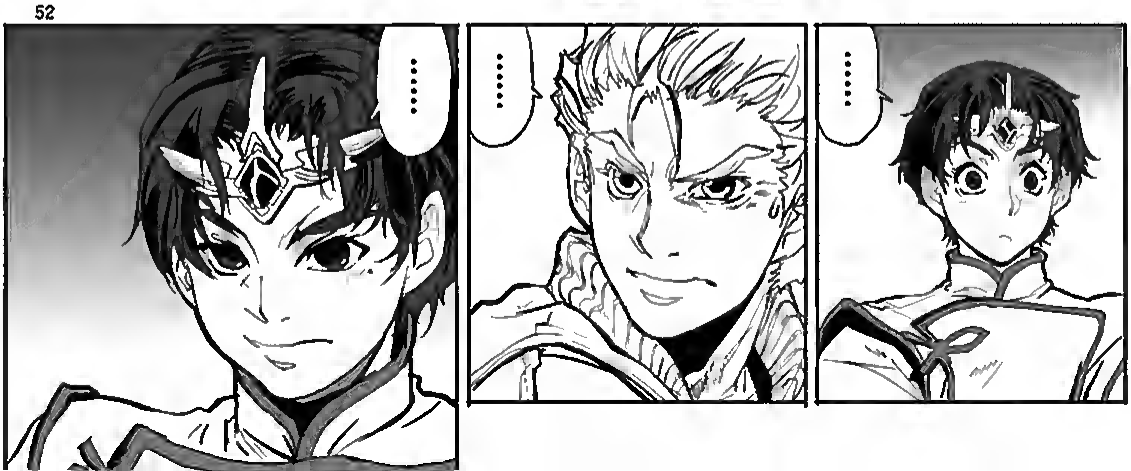
I HAVEN'T GOTTEN USED TO IT. IT STILL SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE ELSE'S.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "YOU THINK"? IT'S YOUR NAME, ISN'T IT?


YEAH,
DAMN RIGHT I WILL.

SHOULD BE A LOT EASIER TO REMEMBER THAN LINN-WHATEVER-JINTO.

YOU'RE WELCOME TO FORGET ABOUT THE "WHATEVER" PART, JUST REMEMBER THE NAME "LINN JINTO" TOO.
JINTO.
WHAT?

IF YOU WANT TO QUIT NOBILITY,
I'LL HELP.
THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE, ISN'T IT?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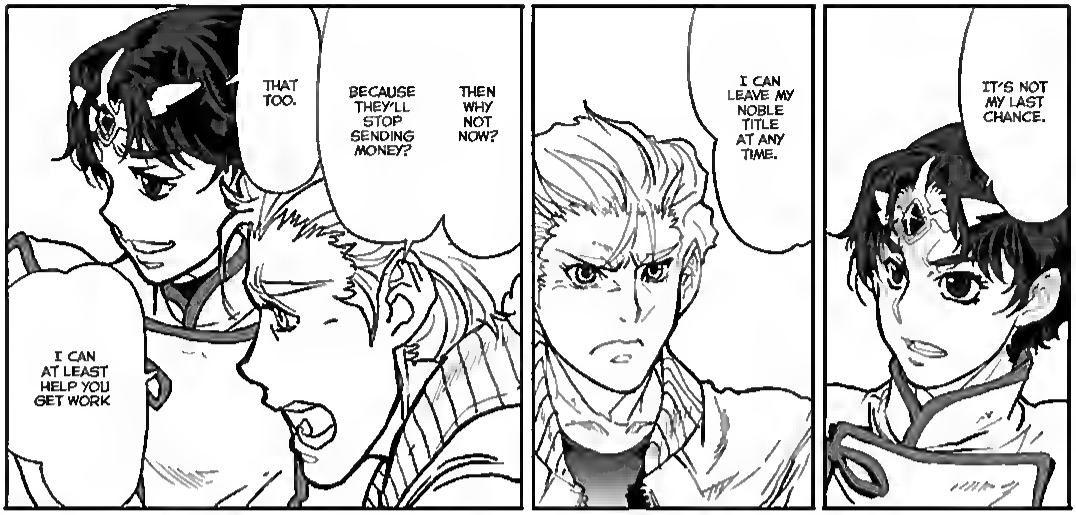
I CAN AT LEAST HELP YOU GET WORK
THAT TOO.
BECAUSE THEY'LL STOP SENDING MONEY?
THEN WHY NOT NOW?
I CAN LEAVE MY NOBLE TITLE AT ANY TIME.
IT'S NOT MY LAST CHANCE.

I WANT TO SEE THE ABH'S WORLD.
DORIN,
I—

THANKS, BUT IT'S OKAY.

ARE LIVING.
I WANT TO SEE HOW THESE PEOPLE,
WHO'VE INVADED US, ARE RULING US, AND HAD RIPPED MY LIFE TO SHREDS,

WHO KNOWS?

AND THAT'S OKAY WITH YOU?

MAKE SURE YOU GET A BIG COMPANY UP AND RUNNING,
YOU TOO
WELL, GOOD LUCK OUT THERE.
JUST IN CASE I COME BACK LOOKING FOR WORK.

HELL, MAYBE IT'S WORTH IT.

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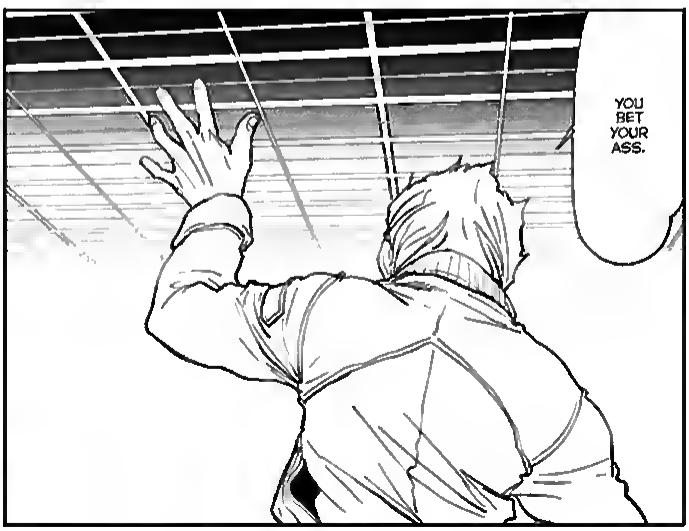
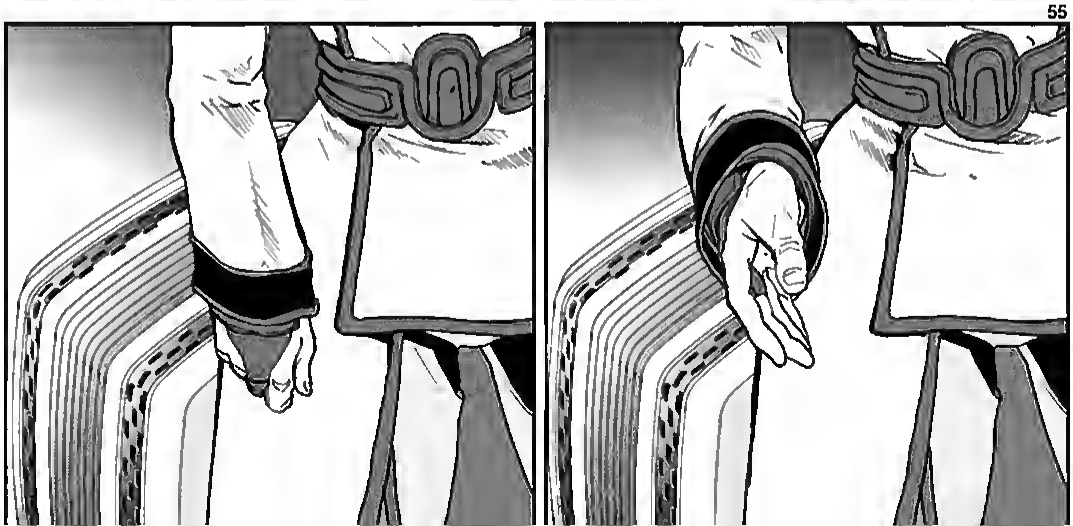
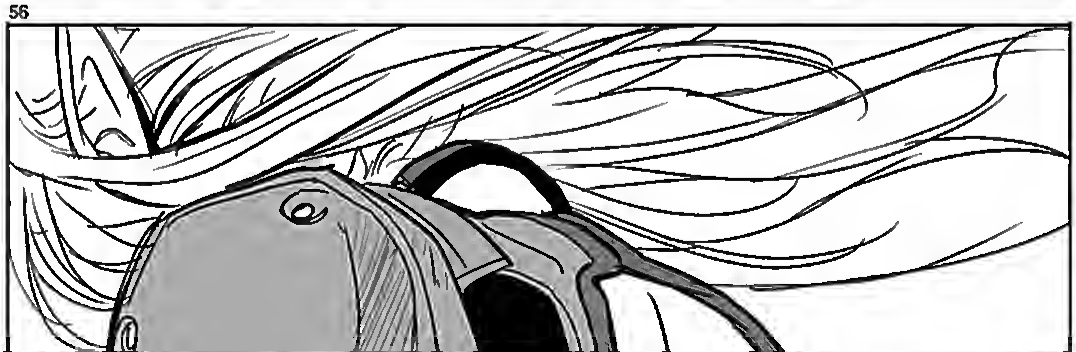

YOU BET YOUR ASS.





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YOU ARE HIS EXCELLENCY LINN SSYNEC RAUCR IARLUCEC DREUC HAIDER

JINTO CORRECT?
次回更新につづく
この出会いが、少年の人生を変える！

This is just a quick scanlation, to get people interested in the manga (and hopefully get a group interested in picking this up). No redraws, just some typesetting on a Flash rip. The Flash rips are kinda ugly, but the tank should look better when scanned. If anyone wants to work on this, I can scan the volumes.

You can read the first, and the most recent, chapters online here:

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Script courtesy of an anon who needed a drink.

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SHE IS AN ABH?
SPEAKING OF WHICH, THIS IS MY FIRST TIME SEEING ONE.
THEY REALLY DO MESS WITH THEIR GENES.
THE EMPIRE'S LAW IS CLEARLY DEFINED BY THE ABH.
THAT IS, THE IMPERIAL FAMILY, NOBILITY, AND GENTRY ARE ALL CALLED ABHS
BUT THE WORD "ABH" HAS ANOTHER MEANING.
THEY ARE A RACE.

UNDER A CONCRETE PLAN, THEY WERE CREATED AS A VARIATION OF MANKIND.
THE ABH, LIKE US, DESCENDED FROM EARTH, BUT

IF I SHOULD HAVE A CHILD, THEN THEIR GENES WOULD BECOME AN ART CANVAS.
THE PROOF OF THAT IS EVEN NOW THEY WON'T STOP ALTERING THEIR GENES.

THEIR AGE AND PHYSICAL APPEA-RANCE DON'T MATCH EACH OTHER

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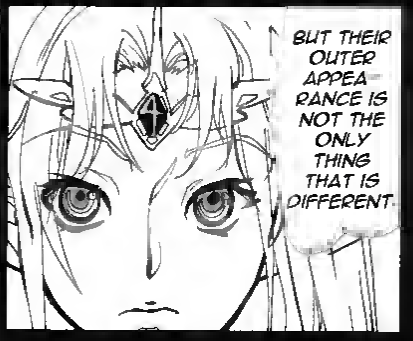
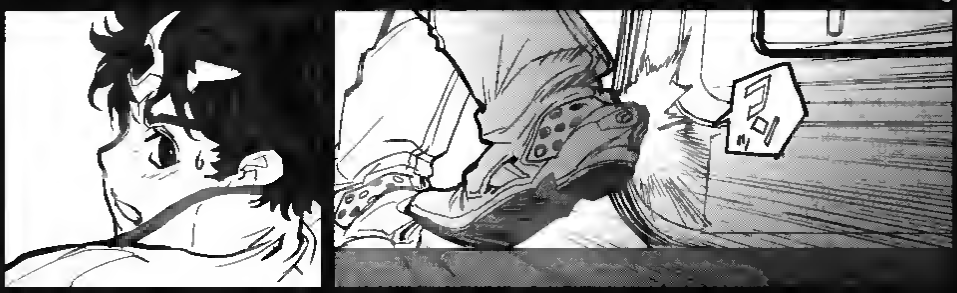
IT WON'T HELP MUCH TO WORRY ABOUT OUR DIFFER-ENCES NOW.
WELL I'M GOING TO BE JOINING THIS GROUP, SO


BUT THEIR OUTER APPEA-RANCE IS NOT THE ONLY THING THAT IS DIFFERENT.

HER CLASS IS...
TRAINEE FLYER
SHE'S A TRAINEE HUH-
SHE JUST JOINED THE MILITARY, SO HER AGE IS EXACTLY HOW SHE LOOKS.
BUT WHAT IS THIS FEELING?
I CAN'T SETTLE DOWN.



YOUR EXCELLENCY LIN SYN ROK HYDE
COUNT JINTO I ASSUME?
YEAH.
YE-

SHE'S GOING TO HIT ME!?
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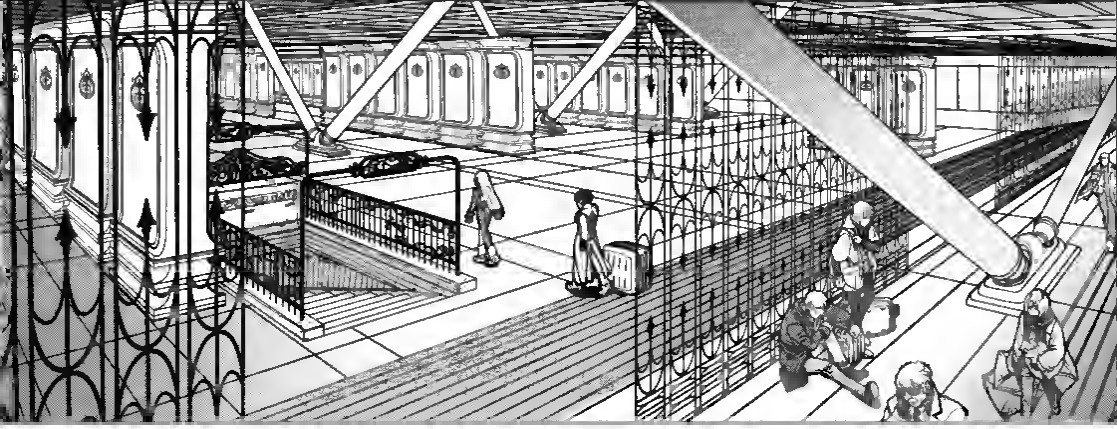
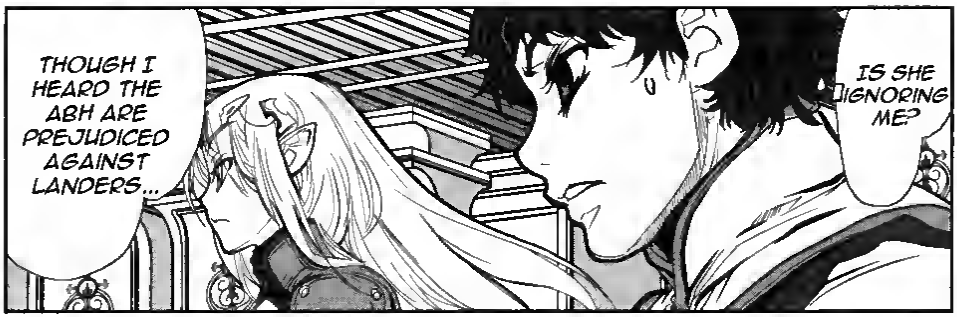
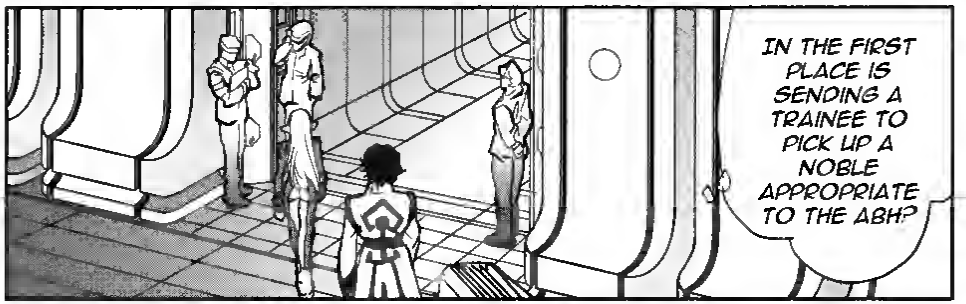
I HAVE COME FROM THE PATROL SHIP GOSLAUTH.
YOU SHALL COME WITH ME.

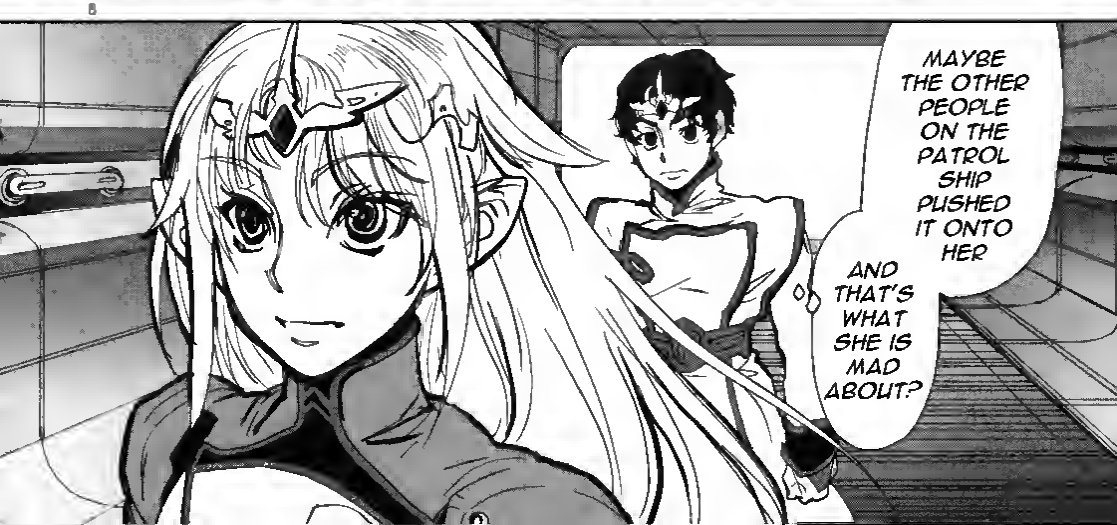
第2話

EH?
UM!
WAIT!
DIDN'T SHE COME TO PICK ME UP?




THOUGH I HEARD THE ABH ARE PREJUDICED AGAINST LANDERS...
IS SHE IGNORING ME?


IN THE FIRST PLACE IS SENDING A TRAINEE TO PICK UP A NOBLE APPROPRIATE TO THE ABH?


MAYBE THE OTHER PEOPLE ON THE PATROL SHIP PUSHED IT ONTO HER
AND THAT'S WHAT SHE IS MAD ABOUT?

IS THIS A JOB SHE IS NOT HAPPY ABOUT?
I WAS MORE OR LESS PREPARED FOR THAT THOUGH ...
NO.
IT'S BECAUSE I'M USED TO THIS KIND OF TREATMENT.
SHE'S GOING TO HIT ME!?
AND I REACTED LIKE THAT.

THAT THIS HALF-HEARTED POSITION CAUSED FRICTION
WHEN WAS IT? WHERE WAS IT?
I DON'T TO LIVE A LIFE OF DISGRACEFUL SERVILITY.
THIS WON'T DO.
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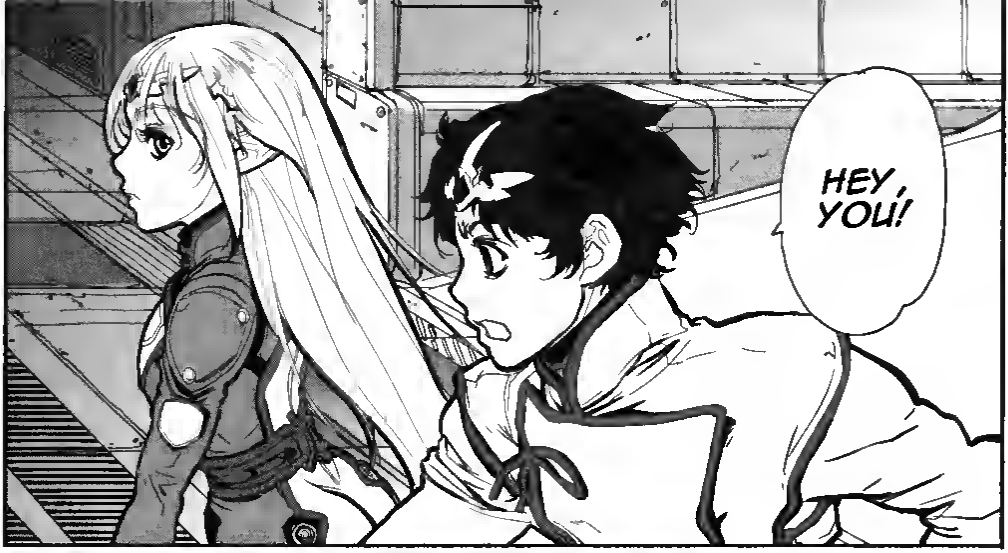
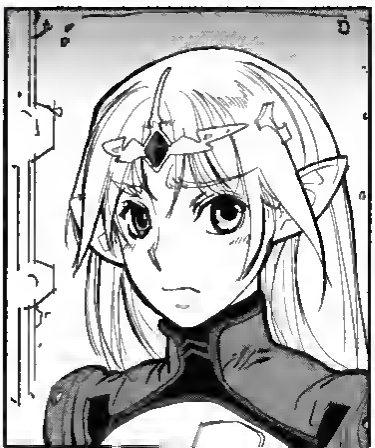
I CAN'T HAVE IT START LIKE THIS


HEY, YOU!

WHAT?



YOU KNOW MY NAME, RIGHT?

BUT I DON'T KNOW YOUR NAME.

YOU ARE CALLED YOUR EXCELLENCY LIN SYN ROK HYDE COUNT JINTO, ARE YOU NOT?

UH YEAH, THAT LIN JINTO THING ISN'T INCORRECT,

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE ABH,

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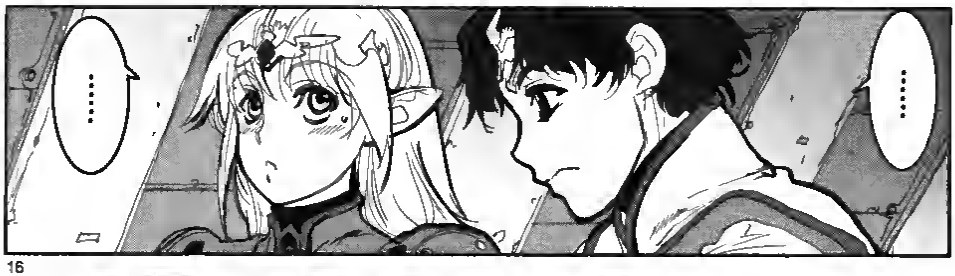
BUT THIS IS VERY UNCOM-FORTABLE FOR ME.

HRM ?
I GUESS THE STUFF I LEARNED IN SCHOOL WAS INCOMP-LETE?
I WONDER IF ASKING AN ABH THEIR NAME IS IMPOLITE?
WELL, UM...
FORGET ABOUT-

YOU SHALL CALL ME

LAFIEL!
IN EXCH-ANGE

IS THAT OKAY?
WOULD IT BE ALLOWED IF I JUST CALL YOU
JINTO?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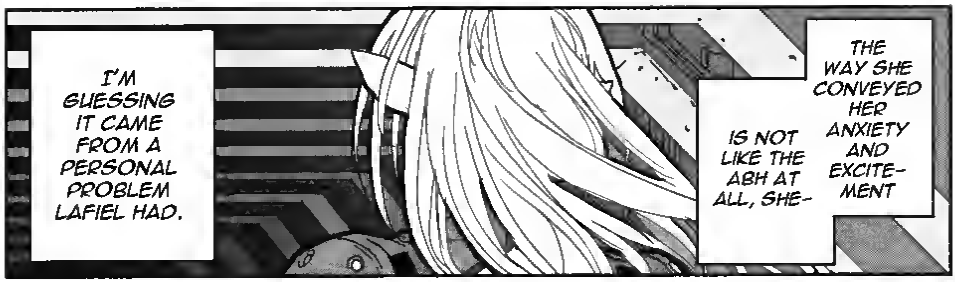
O-OF COURSE.
IF YOU'D DO THAT I WOULD BE VERY THANKFUL.

ALRIGHT JINTO, LET US GO.
YEAH.

I SEE.

THERE'S NO MISTAKE, SHE IS AROUND THE SAME AGE AS ME.


I'M GUESSING IT CAME FROM A PERSONAL PROBLEM LAFIEL HAD.
IS NOT LIKE THE ABH AT ALL, SHE-
THE WAY SHE CONVEYED HER ANXIETY AND EXCITE-MENT

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WHY ?

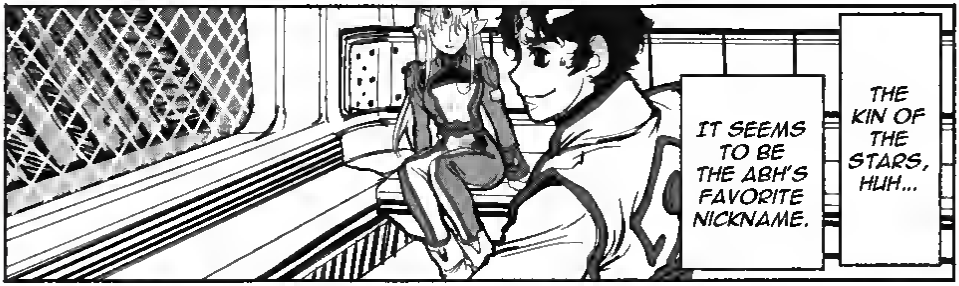
WHEN I SALUTED YOU BACK THERE, YOU FELL BACK.
JINTO. MAY I INQUIRE ABOUT SOMETHING?
WHAT IS IT?

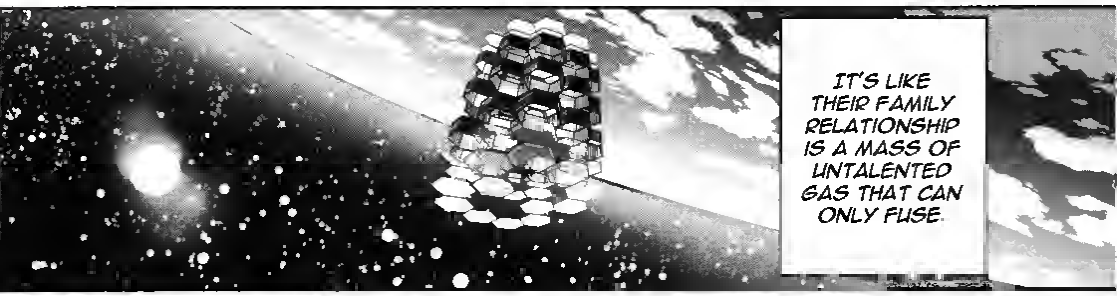
I SEE.
THAT'S A REALLY STRANGE GREETING YOUR HOMETOWN HAS.
THAT WAS A GREETING FROM MY HOME-TOWN.
I DID IT OUT OF HABIT

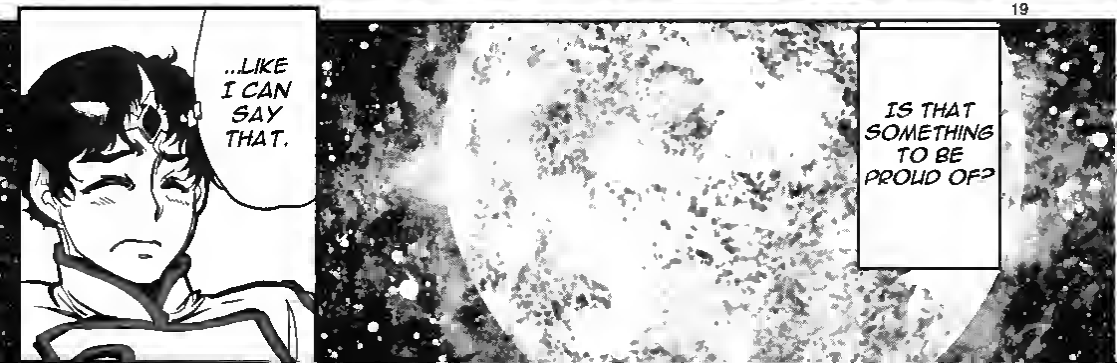
I SEE.
ANY CULTURE THAT SEES AN UNFAMILIAR THING THINKS IT'S STRANGE.
IT'S LIKE YOU WERE DEFENDING YOURSELF FROM BEING HIT.

I'VE ONLY BEEN SURROUNDED BY THE ABH GROWING UP, SO I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT OTHER CULTURES.
I WOULD THINK SO.

SINCE JINTO IS AN ABH,
YOU WOULD DO BEST TO LEARN THE WAYS OF THE KIN OF THE STARS.


THE KIN OF THE STARS, HUH...
IT SEEMS TO BE THE ABH'S FAVORITE NICKNAME.


IT'S LIKE THEIR FAMILY RELATIONSHIP IS A MASS OF UNTALENTED GAS THAT CAN ONLY FUSE.


..LIKE I CAN SAY THAT.
IS THAT SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF?

THIS HAS GONE BETTER THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD.
BUT STILL
AFTER ALL WE BECAME FRIENDLY ENOUGH TO CALL EACH OTHER BY OUR NAMES.
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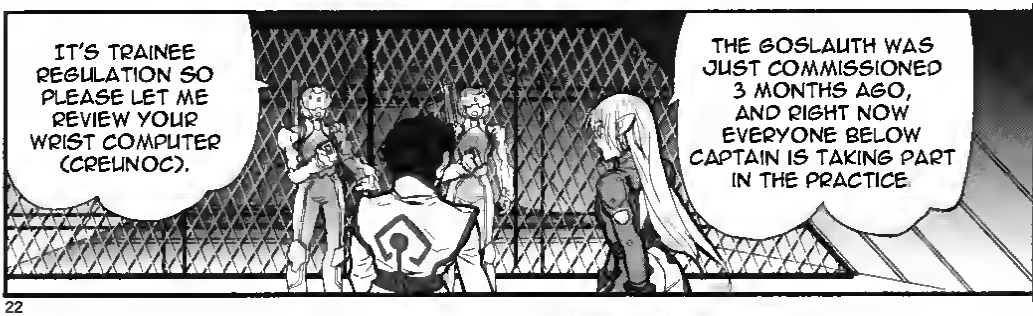
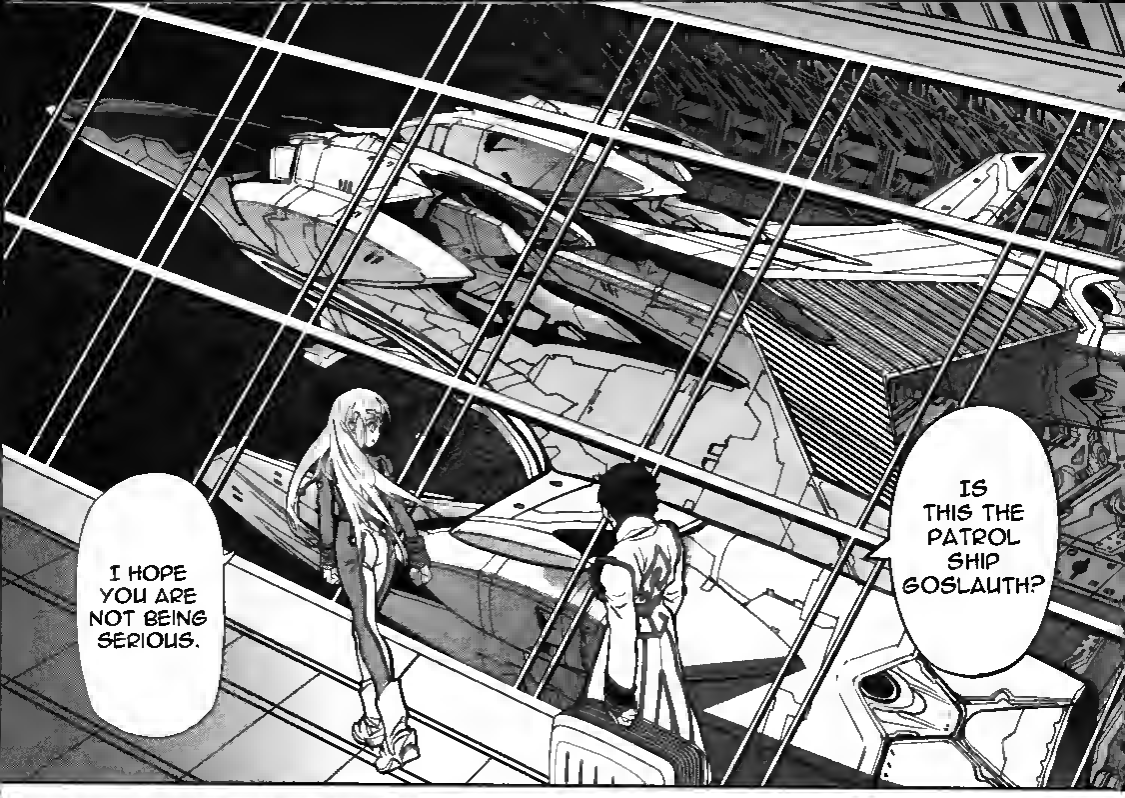
HEY.
THAT PATROL SHIP...
WHAT WAS IT CALLED?

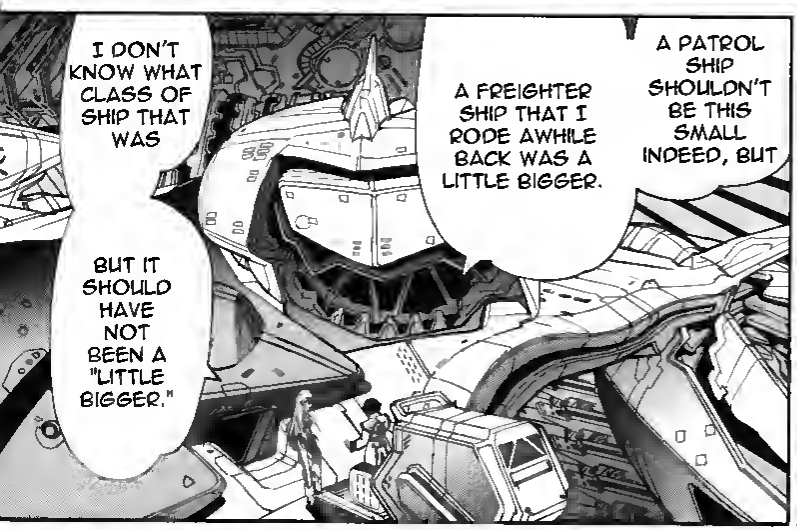
GOSLAUTH
YEAH, GOSLAUTH, WHAT FLEET DO THEY BELONG TO?
THE TRAINING FLEET.
THEN THERE ARE A LOT OF TRAINEE FLYERS LIKE YOU ONBOARD, HUH?
YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW.
OF COURSE NOT. I LEARNED AS MANY WORDS AS I COULD AND CRAMMED THE MILITARY RELATED STUFF AS WELL.
AH, I SEE.
YOU SHALL FORGIVE ME.
WAS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE AN APOLOGY?

BEFORE THE FORMAL FIRST SAILING OF A SHIP, THEY ARE KEPT IN THE FLEET.
THE TRAINING FLEET HAS ONE MORE FUNCTION.
BUT THIS IS NOT WHERE A TRAINEE FLYER LIKE MYSELF GETS ON.
YES THE TRAINING SHIP BELONGS TO THE TRAINING FLEET, AND THIS IS WHERE THE CADETS GET ON

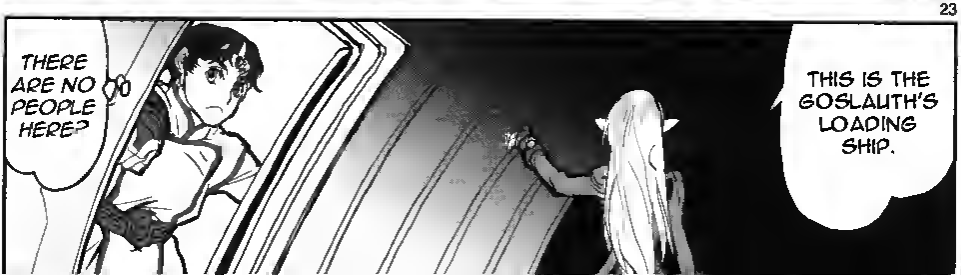

IT'S TRAINEE REGULATION SO PLEASE LET ME REVIEW YOUR WRIST COMPUTER (CREWNOC).
THE GOSLAUTH WAS JUST COMMISSIONED 3 MONTHS AGO, AND RIGHT NOW EVERYONE BELOW CAPTAIN IS TAKING PART IN THE PRACTICE

WHY IS THIS GUY A NOBLE?
THEY ARE PROBABLY SUSPICIOUSLY THINKING
THEN YOUR EXCELLENCY, YOU AS WELL.
THANK YOU TRAINEE.
SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE.
THANK YOU YOUR EXCELLENCY. ALRIGHT, YOU CAN PASS.


IS THIS THE PATROL SHIP GOSLAUTH?
I HOPE YOU ARE NOT BEING SERIOUS.


A PATROL SHIP SHOULDN'T BE THIS SMALL INDEED, BUT
A FREIGHTER SHIP THAT I RODE AWHILE BACK WAS A LITTLE BIGGER.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT CLASS OF SHIP THAT WAS
BUT IT SHOULD HAVE NOT BEEN A "LITTLE BIGGER."

PLEASE REMEMBER LAFIEL, I AM IGNORANT.
THERE'S A LIMIT TO THAT THOUGH.


THIS IS THE GOSLAUTH'S LOADING SHIP.
THERE ARE NO PEOPLE HERE?

THEN WILL THE CO-PILOT SEAT DO?
OR THE BACK RESI-DENTIAL AREA?
SO WHERE DO YOU WANT TO RIDE?
WHERE YOU SAY? ISN'T THERE JUST ONE PLACE...
THERE ARE NO BEAUTI-FUL STEWAR-DESS', BUT
THERE'S A BEAUTIFUL HELMSMAN.
ARE THERE GOING TO BE ANY BEAUTIFUL STEWAR-DESS'?
AH, I SEE.
IS THERE ANY OTHER CREW?
IT'S JUST ME.
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IF I ASK HER, SHE WOULD PRO-BABLY GET MAD.
DON'T MAKE LIGHT OF ME!
ISN'T IT A LITTLE MUCH FOR A TRAINEE TO PILOT A SHIP?

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
OF COURSE I'LL RIDE IN THE CO-PILOT SEAT.

OF COURSE, I HAVEN'T SEEN A PERSON UP UNTIL NOW WHO COULD DO IT.
IS THAT SUCH AN ODD THING?
YES, LIKE THIS I CAN FEEL WHATEVER THE SHIP IS FEELING.
SO IS IT TRUE YOU KNOW WHERE ALL THE SHIPS ARE AROUND US?
26
IT'S CONCEALED IN THEIR TIARA. (ALPHA)
THE ABH HAVE SOMETHING CALLED A SPATIAL-SENSORY ORGAN. (FROCH)
IS DISPLAYED ON THE SENSORY ORGAN'S FRONTAL LOBE
THE INFORMATION FROM THE SHIP'S SENSORS GOES TO THE TIARA AND THE NAVIGATION.
SPATIAL AWARENESS IS THE ABH'S SPECIAL SENSE

NO ONE BUT THE ABH HAVE THIS NAVIGATION FIELD.
THE ALPHA THAT ISN'T CONNECTED TO THE SHIP.
PROBES THE SURROUNDING SPACE AND SENDS THE INFORMATION TO THE BRAIN.
THE ALPHA IS NOT JUST AN EXPRESSION OF A FAMILY'S PEDIGREE
IT'S A NECESSARY TOOL FOR THE ABH.
I SEE
LAFIEL WASN'T IGNORING ME BACK THERE,
SHE WAS LOOKING AROUND.
WHAT DOES THE SPATIAL AWARENESS FEEL LIKE?
EVEN IF YOU ASK ME THAT...
I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT.
I CAN'T IMAGINE A LIFE WITHOUT IT.
I WOULD THINK SO
SO ARE YOU CALCULATING THE TRAJECTORY NOW?
THE TRAJECTORY?
I AM NOT.

IT'S LIKE WHEN YOU USE YOUR INTUITION TO AIM WHEN YOU THROW.
I JUST DO.
IT'S LIKE INTUI-TION.
INTUI-TION !?
THEN HOW ARE YOU GOING TO CALCULATE THE TRAJECTORY ?
I AM NOT.
THEN ARE YOU INTER-PRETING THE NUMBERS ?
IT'S THE SAME AS THAT.
YOU UNCONS-CIOUSLY CALCU-LATE AND
THEN INTUITIVELY DETERMINE THE OPTIMUM TRAJECTORY AND PROPULSION TIMING CALCULA-TIONS.
CHILDREN SOME-TIMES DO THAT.
YOU SHALL NOT WORRY.
I SEE ...
YOU CAN MISS YOUR MARK AS WELL.
VERY STRANGE
IS THAT STRANGE ?

THAT'S A CONTROL GLOVE HUH.
IT'S UNBELIEVABLE THAT JUST BY MOVING A FINGER SHE CAN CONTROL THE SHIP.
NO ABNORMALITIES IN THE SYSTEM.
CONTROL.
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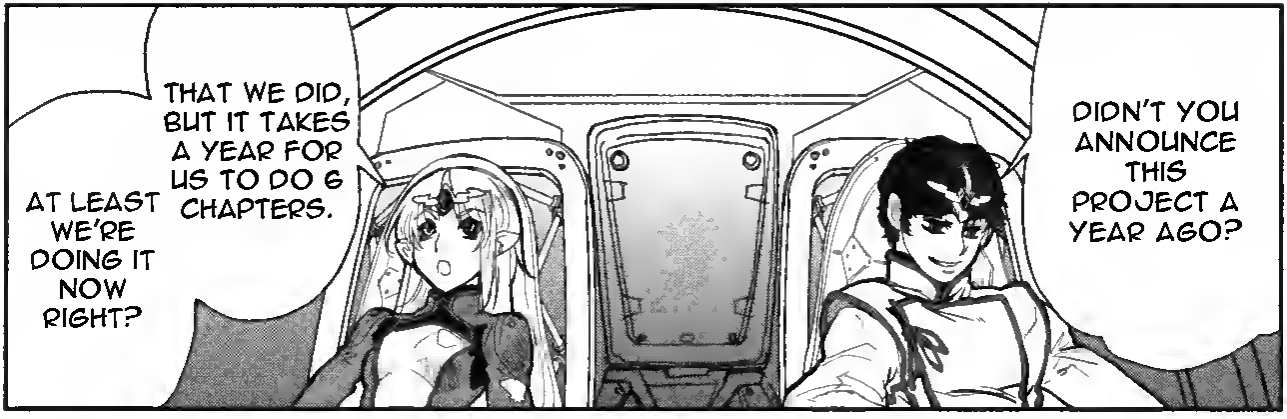
THIS IS PLANET DELKTU PORT CONTROL #1.
THIS IS PATROL SHIP GOSLAUTH'S LOAD SHIP.
CAPTAIN'S MILITARY NUMBER 01-00-0937684.
NUMBER 2 MILITARY DOCK REQUESTING DECOMPRESSION.
UNDERSTOOD PATROL SHIP GOSLAUTH'S LOAD SHIP.
NUMBER 2 MILITARY DOCK, REQUESTING DOCK DOOR TO BE OPENED.
UNDERSTOOD PATROL SHIP GOSLAUTH'S LOAD SHIP.

OPENING OF GATE CONFIRMED, REQUESTING PERMISSION TO DEPART.
YOU HAVE PERMISSION TO DEPART.
GOSLAUTH LOAD BOAT, DO YOU REQUIRE AN ELECTROMAGNETIC EJECTION?
NOT NEEDED, WE WILL DEPART BY LOW TEMPERATURE PROPULSION.
IF WE DO AN ELECTROMAGNETIC EJECTION, YOU WILL PASS OUT.
I THINK SO TOO.
UNDERSTOOD GOSLAUTH LOAD SHIP, WE PRAY FOR YOUR SAFE RETURN TO YOUR SHIP.
PLANET DELKTU'S PORT CONTROL #1, OUT.
I THANK YOU, GOSLAUTH LOAD SHIP, OUT.

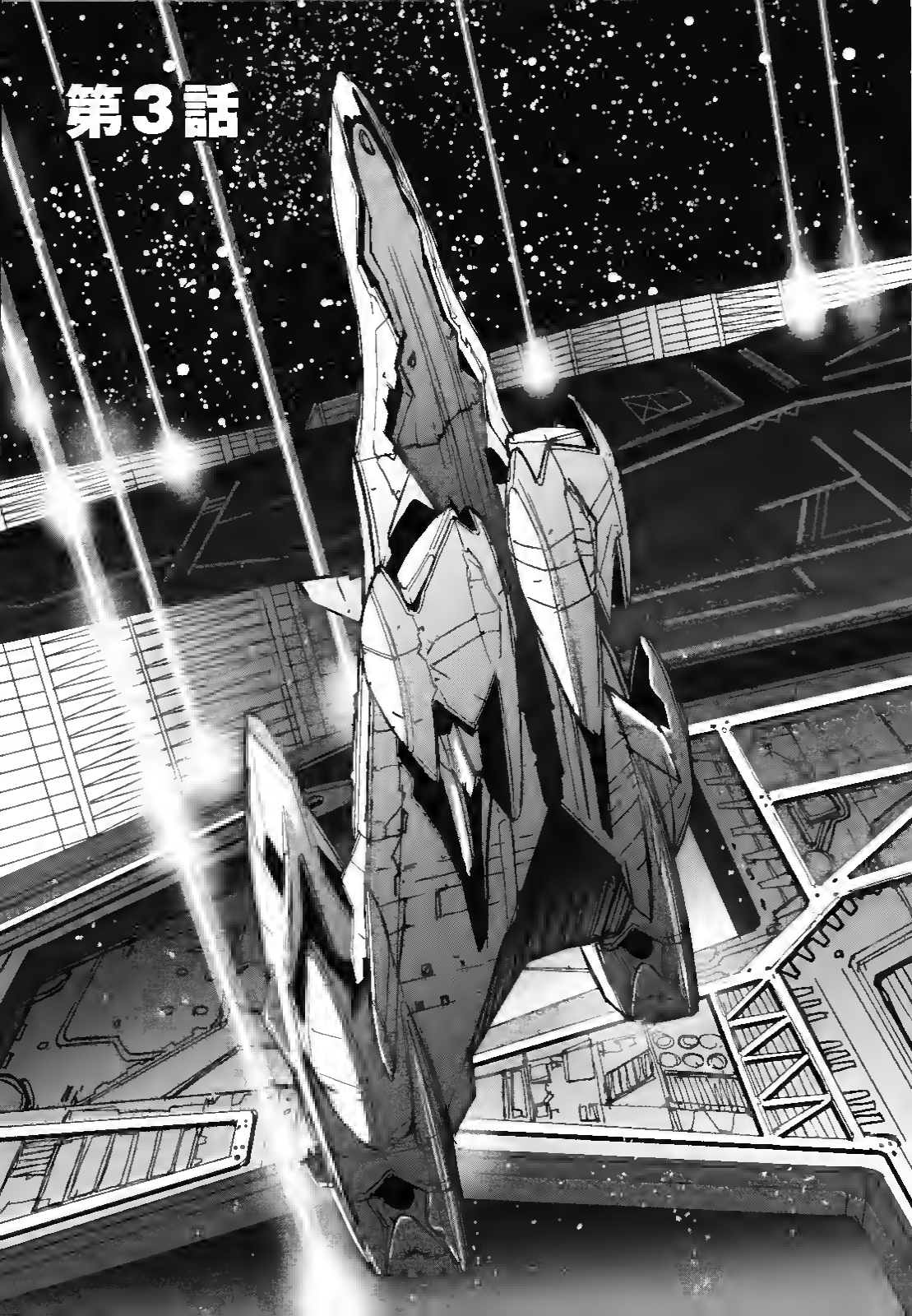

AT LEAST WE'RE DOING IT NOW RIGHT?
THAT WE DID, BUT IT TAKES A YEAR FOR US TO DO 6 CHAPTERS.
DIDN'T YOU ANNOUNCE THIS PROJECT A YEAR AGO?

SO NEW PROJECT AND THIS HERE IS THE CREDITS PAGE.
BEEN YEARS SINCE I'VE DONE ONE, BUT LET'S GET STARTED.

TRANSLATOR: COOLMOD
EDITOR: PIMPTOAD
QC: TIRAWRMISU
SCANS: HABANERO SCANS

AND YES FOR THIS ONE WE ACTUALLY HAVE A QC/TL-CHECK GUY THOUGH NO CLUE HOW LONG THIS IS GOING TO LAST. ANYWAY CREST OF THE STARS. THIS IS MORE OR LESS A CHILD OF LOVE (HUE) PROJECT AND I WOULD LIKE TO THINK THE QUALITY OF THE WORK SHOWS. WE USE ABH TERMS WHEN APPROPRIATE AND WILL ADD THE ENGLISH EQUIVALENT THE FIRST TIME AROUND AND YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN AFTERWARDS. THE SCANS STICK TO PURE KANJI AFTER THE FIRST TIME SO WE WILL ALL SUFFER TOGETHER!

ENJOY READING THIS EPIC AND GLORIOUS STORY!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YOU ARE QUITE GOOD AT THIS
WHAT?
WOW, YOU'RE AMAZING.
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IT'S NOT THAT HARO.
AT ANY RATE, FROM HERE UNTIL THE ACCELERATION POINT WE MUST FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE.
EVEN ABH CHILDREN CAN PILOT LIKE THIS
DON'T LOOK DOWN ON ME

IT CAN'T BE THAT YOU WERE THINKING OF CALLING ME A CHILD?
PERISH THE THOUGHT!
GEEZ, THIS YOUNG LADY GETS EASILY OFFENDED.
WILL I BE ABLE TO SURVIVE IN THIS UNIVERSE?
IN OTHER WORDS, YOUR PEOPLE'S AGE IS HARD TO DETERMINE, SO YOU HAVE TO CHECK...
I SEE, YOUR GUESS IS CORRECT.
THIS YEAR I AM 16.
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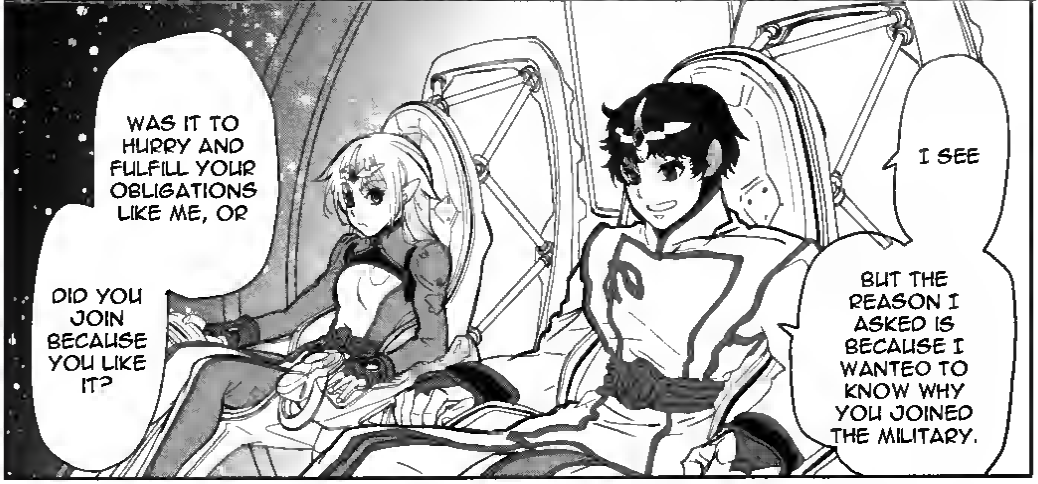
SO THAT MEANS SHE IS 1 YEAR YOUNGER THAN ME.
ARE TRAINEE FLYERS AS YOUNG AS YOU?
IT'S NOT ALWAYS THE CASE. IF YOU JOIN THE MILITARY AT 18 YEARS OLD IT'S NOT SO HARD.
BUT THERE AREN'T MANY PEOPLE WHO TAKE THE ENTRANCE EXAM AT AGE 13.
YOU SHOULD BE A LITTLE PROUD OF THAT?

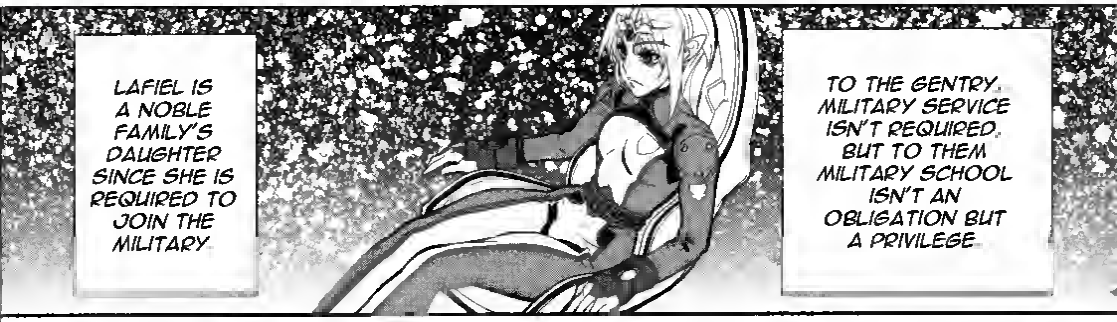
OH, THAT'S AMAZING.
EVEN I HAVE SOMETHING I CAN BRAG ABOUT. WHILE LEARNING 9 FOREIGN LANGUAGES, I ENTERED INTO THE MILITARY SCHOOL OF STEWARDSHIP AT 17 YEARS OLD.
AH-...
WHY ARE YOU ASKING THAT?
UM... WHAT KIND OF SOCIAL STANDING DO YOU HAVE?
NO, BUT I DON'T WANT TO SAY.
UH..WAS IT SOMETHING I SHOULDN'T ASK?
YES, THE MILITARY IS A CLASS IN IT'S OWN RIGHT.
BECAUSE YOUR SOCIAL STANDING HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE MILTARY?
WHILE I AM WEARING MY MILITARY UNIFORM AND UNTIL I BECOME A GENERAL OFFICER (FSOETDORARIAC), I CAN'T KEEP ANY IDENTIFICATION THAT IDENTIFIES MY SOCIAL STANDING.


WAS IT TO HURRY AND FULFILL YOUR OBLIGATIONS LIKE ME, OR
DID YOU JOIN BECAUSE YOU LIKE IT?
I SEE
BUT THE REASON I ASKED IS BECAUSE I WANTED TO KNOW WHY YOU JOINED THE MILITARY.

WHAT ?
UH... NOTHING

AH, I THOUGHT SO.

THERE'S THE OBLIGA-TIONS


LAFIEL IS A NOBLE FAMILY'S DAUGHTER SINCE SHE IS REQUIRED TO JOIN THE MILITARY.
TO THE GENTRY, MILITARY SERVICE ISN'T REQUIRED. BUT TO THEM MILITARY SCHOOL ISN'T AN OBLIGATION BUT A PRIVILEGE.

THEN WHY?
BUT IT'S NOT JUST BECAUSE IT'S AN OBLIGATION.

LIKE I CAN SAY THAT.
EVEN IF YOU KEEP QUIET OR TALK, YOU ACT KINDA BOSSY AND THAT'S WHY I THINK YOU ARE A NOBLE.

AH, I SEE.
I WANT TO BECOME AN ADULT FASTER.
IT'S BECAUSE WHEN YOU LEAVE THE MILITARY, YOU ARE SEEN AS AN ADULT WHEN YOU ARE APPOINTED A FLYER POSITION REGARDLESS OF AGE.
BUT IS IT REALLY SOMETHING YOU SHOULD HURRY ALONG?
BEING A CHILD IS CARE-FREE.
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WELL YEAH
WAS THAT WHAT YOU WERE THINKING?
HE WILL BE ALIVE FOR ANOTHER 200 YEARS IN HIS CURRENT STATE.
NO, MY FATHER IS ALIVE.
ARE YOUR PARENTS ...
DO YOU HAVE ANY SECRETS OF YOUR BIRTH?
SECRETS OF MY BIRTH?
I DON'T.
THEN, WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS HE?
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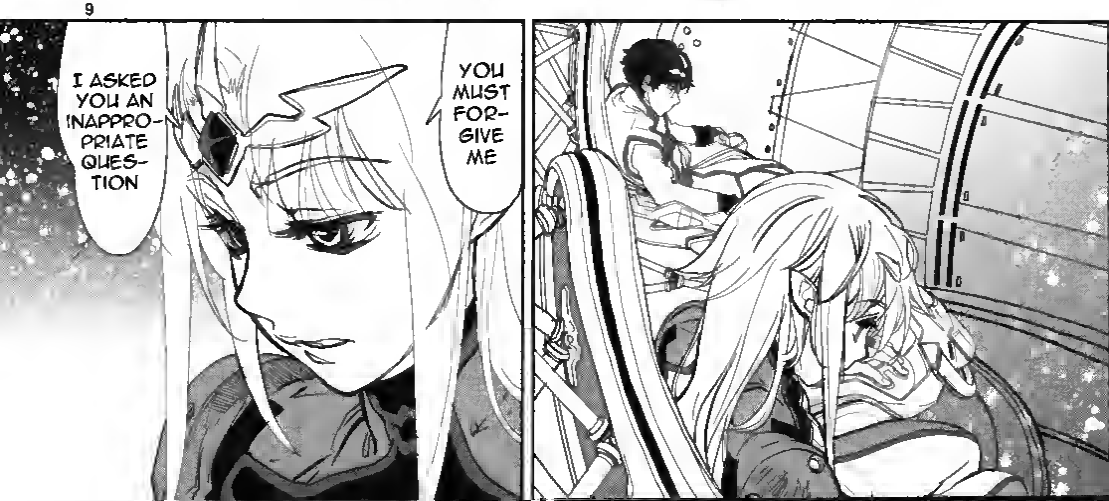
AH, THAT'S MY DAD.
YES THAT'S RIGHT.
EXCELLENCY COUNT HYDE IS YOUR FAMILY'S NAME.
YOUR MOTHER? AREN'T YOU YOUR FATHER'S SON?
WHEN I WAS YOUNG, MY MOM DIED.

AH, IT SLIPPED MY MIND. YOU WERE RAISED ON LAND.
HAVE YOU HEARD OF A SYSTEM CALLED MARRIAGE?
YES, I HAVE.
WERE YOU LONELY WHEN YOUR MOTHER PASSED AWAY?
SO WHAT YOU ARE SAYING IS YOU HAVE 2 PARENTS?
I AM MY DAD'S SON AS WELL AS MY MOTHER'S SON
THAT'S RIGHT, I WAS BORN AFTER THEY WERE MARRIED.
OF COURSE.


I ASKED YOU AN INAPPRO-PRIATE QUES-TION
YOU MUST FOR-GIVE ME

I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER MUCH ABOUT IT.
IT WAS WHEN I WAS LITTLE.
NAH DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
THAT'S NOT TRUE
IF BOTH OF THE GENE PROVIDERS ARE AT HOME, THERE IS NO SECRET OF ONE'S BIRTH.
EVEN IF THEY WANT TO BECOME ONE, THEY MIGHT NOT LIVE WITH THE KIDS.
AND AT THAT TIME A BIRTH SECRET MAY BE MADE.
THE LAND PEOPLE MAY NOT WANT IT, BUT THEY BECOME PARENTS AND
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ANYWAY, WHAT'S WITH THE BIRTH SECRET?
DOES IT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH YOU ENTERING THE MILITARY?

I HAVE A BIRTH SECRET.
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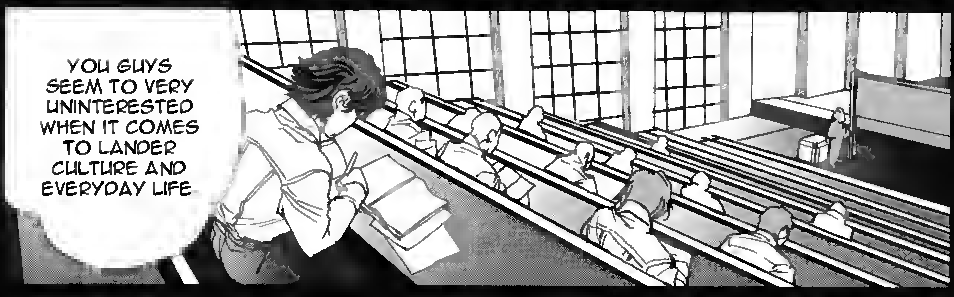
I DON'T KNOW IF I AM A DAUGHTER OF LOVE.
AND THAT MAKES ME FEEL UNEASY.

I WONDER IF IT'S SOME KIND OF RELIGIOUS THING?
IT SEEMS MY EDUCATION HAS A LOT OF HOLES IN IT...
YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT?
DAUGHTER OF LOVE?

IT'S CALLED THE ABH LANGUAGE ARTS SCHOOL. BUT THE MAIN FOCUS IS LANGUAGE STUDY AND AFTER THAT THERE IS A LITTLE BIT OF ETIQUETTE
THERE WAS ESSENTIALLY NO LECTURE ON ABH CULTURE


YOU GUYS SEEM TO VERY UNINTERESTED WHEN IT COMES TO LANDER CULTURE AND EVERYDAY LIFE

ANYWAY, I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR FAMILY VALUES, THOUGH SAYING "I WON'T MARRY" IS QUITE POPULAR
"YOU GUYS...?" YOU ARE AN ABH TOO, JINTO.
SORRY, THAT'S RIGHT.

WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR GENETIC MATERIAL IF YOU DON'T HAVE A PARTNER?
I HEARD GENETIC MANIPULATION IS NORMAL.
THEN HOW DO YOU MAKE CHILDREN?

AH GEEZ.
THIS IS THE SAME QUESTION AS "WHERE DO CHILDREN COME FROM?" ISN'T IT?
WE DO SOME-TIMES.
REALLY? THEN WHAT ABOUT THE GENETIC TESTING?
WE AREN'T CHILDREN AND OUT OF ALL THE PEOPLE I GOT STUCK WITH A GIRL THAT'S YOUNGER THAN ME.
ALTHOUGH I KNOW YOU DON'T HAVE NATURAL CONCEP-TIONS...
FOR JINTO WHO DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT OUR REPRODUCTIVE PROCESS.
NORMALLY A FERTILIZED EGG IS EXTRACTED
AND GENERALLY IT'S PUT INTO AN ARTIFICIAL WOMB.
THEN SOMETIMES THE WOMEN WANT A PECULIAR EXPERIENCE, SO THERE ARE SOME THAT HAVE IT RETURNED TO THE WOMB.
I SEE.
THAT REMINDS ME, I REMEMBER THERE WAS A RUMOR THAT ABH FEMALES DIDN'T HAVE A WOMB...

I INVESTIGATED IT. BUT THERE WAS A TON OF CONFUSING DESCRIPTIONS.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO BECOME AN ABH AT THIS RATE.
MIXING YOURS WITH A MEMBER OF THE SAME SEX, OR POSSIBLY A RELATIVE'S AS WELL
TAKING A PART OF YOUR BODY TO MAKE A CHILD. USING ANOTHER PERSON'S GENES.
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ADDING YOUR OWN GENES AS THEY ARE OR REVISING THEM
EH?
WE DO IT ALL.
GEEZ ALL IS UNCREDIBLE INFORMA-TION...
THAT'S EACH PERSON'S OWN FREE CHOICE
OR RECEIVING SOMEONE ELSE'S GENETIC MATERIAL

FROM WHAT I HEARD JUST NOW, IT SEEMS YOU ARE DISREGARDING YOUR OWN BLOOD RELATIONS.
REALLY? BUT YOU GUYS ATTACH A GREATER IMPORTANCE ON PEDIGREE, RIGHT?

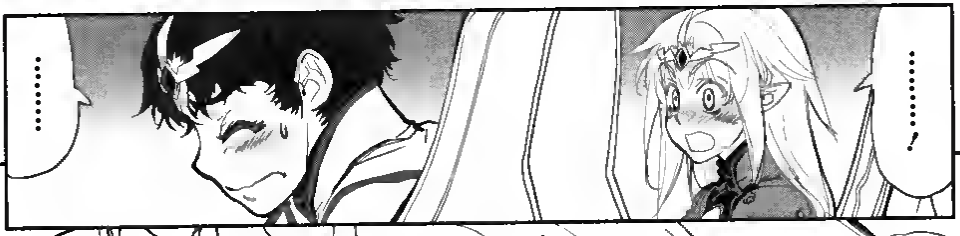
POLISHING YOUR CHILD'S GENES AND RAISING THEM, THAT'S HOW YOU BECOME A PARENT.
WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO THE FAMILY IS PASSING DOWN FAMILY TRADITIONS. NOT PASSING YOUR GENES DOWN BUT

THE ABH WHO REMODEL THEIR GENES IS SAYING THAT DISREGARDING THE BLOODLINE IS NATURAL.
BUT ...
HMM, I SEE.

OF COURSE THERE ARE TIMES WHEN IT'S THE SAME SEX, CLOSE RELATIVES, OR MULTIPLE GENES AS WELL.
I'M RELIEVED TO HEAR THAT.
COMBINING YOUR GENES WITH SOMEONE YOU LOVE.
BUT, THE MOST COMMON WAY TO MAKE A CHILD IS

NOW THAT THIS LANDER KNOWS THIS, HE LOOKS UNEASY FOR SOME REASON.
THAT'S TRUE, RIGHT NOW I FEEL VERY UNEASY.
ODDLY ENOUGH, GENETIC ENGINEERING IS OUR SOLE RIGHT.

THAT MAY BE TRUE, BUT FROM WHERE I'M FROM, GENETICS WAS A DELICATE SUBJECT.
HMM ...?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NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT,
AREN'T WE HAVING THIS CONVER-SATION BY OURSELVES !?

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, I ALSO FEEL UNEASY ABOUT THIS!
SORRY
ANYWAY.
WHEN SOMEONE SAYS "I WANT YOUR GENES,"
IT'S ONE OF THE MOST SINCERE WAYS TO CONFESS YOUR LOVE.
AND AFTER THAT CONFESSION, THE CHILD THAT IS BORN IS CALLED
A DAUGHTER OF LOVE.
I SEE.
YES.

YOUR PARENTS, THAT IS.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, COULDN'T YOU HAVE ASKED THEM ABOUT IT?

YOU THINK I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT?
WELL...

?

WAS THE BORING LOGIC I WAS DROWNED IN!
HAVING A BIRTH SECRET BUILDS CHARACTER FOR THE CHILD
MY DAD NEVER TOLD ME.
DIDN'T YOU EVER INVESTIGATE IT?
YOU CAN READ ABOUT YOUR GENETICS WHEN YOU BECOME AN ADULT.
HOWEVER UNTIL THEN, YOU WILL NEED YOUR "PARENTS" PERMISSION.
I SEE.
I FINALLY UNDERSTAND. IN OTHER WORDS
HURRY AND BECOME AN ADULT, THEN FIND OUT WHERE HER GENES CAME FROM.
IS WHAT SHE WANTS TO DO.

THERE'S SOMETHING I WILL NEVER FORGET AS A CHILD.
I THINK MY BIRTH SECRET WAS MADE TO TEASE ME.
WHY?
IN THE FIRST PLACE HAVING IT HIDDEN IS STRANGE.
I WANTED TO BE TOLD I WAS A DAUGHTER OF LOVE.
I WOULD ALWAYS PESTER HIM ABOUT WHO MY GENE PROVIDERS WERE.
I WAS NEVER REALLY TOLD, BUT
WHEN HE FINALLY TOLD ME HE WOULD SHOW ME WHO MY GENE PROVIDER WAS.
WHAT DID YOU THINK HAPPENED?
HE DIDN'T SHOW YOU?
NO, MORE EVIL THAN THAT.
HE BROUGHT HORIA IN HIS ARMS AND SAID THIS.
HE DECEIVED ME.

WHO IS HORIA?
I SHALL INTRODUCE YOU TO YOUR OTHER HALF!

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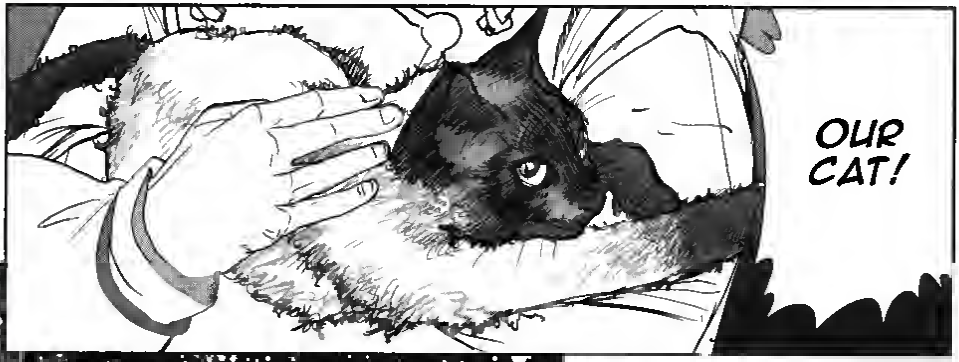
OUR CAT!

IT'S NOT IM-POSSI-BLE.
I HOPE YOU DIDN'T BELIEVE HIM LAFIEL
WOULD YOU GUYS GO THAT FAR?
BY LAW IT'S ILLEGAL BE-CAUSE IT'S IMMORAL
I-I SEE.

I WAS 8 AT THE TIME, SO OBVIOUSLY I WAS NOT INTERESTED IN THE LAWS.
BUT THAT LIE WASN'T AN EASILY UNDERSTANDABLE ONE.
AH, THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU'RE AN ABH TOO YOU KNOW.
I'M GLAD I DISCOVERED A COMMON ETHICAL VIEW.
I CRIED ALL NIGHT.
YEAH, OF COURSE.
I UNDERSTAND... IN A WAY.
HORIA WAS A GOOD CAT. BUT HAVING HALF OF ME COME FROM HER *WAS SOMETHING I COULDN'T TAKE!*
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AND MOST OF ALL,
I COULDN'T STAND THE FACT THAT THE ONE WHO HAD A CHILD WITH A CAT
WAS MY FATHER!

AFTER CRYING ALL NIGHT, I FINALLY REALIZED THAT
WHEN HORIA CAME TO US, SHE WAS STILL A KITTEN.
WOULD I DEVELOP A PAW IN MY PALM?
FOR A SHORT WHILE, I BELIEVED I WOULD BE LIKE ANY OTHER CAT'S KITTEN.
23
OR WOULD MY IRIS CHANGE SHAPE IS WHAT I CON-STANTLY WORRIED ABOUT
OR BE ABLE TO EXTEND AND RETRACT MY CLAWS?
SOME-THING THAT'S BECOME A PART OF MY LIFE!
THAT TIME OF UNEAS-INESS IS
IT WAS AROUND THAT TIME WHEN I WOULD STARE INTO THE MIRROR WITH THOSE RADIANT IMAGINATIONS.

HER FATHER HUH...
I WANT TO HURRY AND BECOME AN OFFICER (FLYER)
AND PART WAYS WITH MY FATHER.
7 YEARS AFTER LEAVING
FATHER'S DECISION WAS PROBABLY FOR MARTIN'S SAKE
I DON'T THINK IT WAS FOR MY SAKE
IN MY MIND THERE WASN'T A FEELING OF BETRAYAL
...A FEELING OF LOVE NOR HATE.

I WAS- THAT'S RIGHT.
IN THE DEEPEST PARTS OF MY HEART, I WAS PROBABLY TRYING TO REJECT SOMETHING.

LAFIEL
I DON'T KNOW MY FEELINGS TOWARDS MY FATHER.
.....
.....
DO YOU HATE YOUR FATHER?
.....
I DON'T HATE HIM.
I DON'T WANT TO ADMIT IT,
BUT I LOVE HIM AND I AM PROUD OF HIM.

BUT WHEN I AM NEXT TO HIM,
ONCE IN A WHILE I CAN'T HELP BUT
FEEL IRRITATED.

LAFIEL.
.....
FOR A WHILE NOW YOU'VE BEEN TALKING IN PAST TENSE
WERE YOU ALREADY TOLD THE ANSWER?

IT'S A PERSON I KNOW WELL
YEAH.
AND A WOMAN I ADMIRE
I WAS A DAUGHTER OF LOVE.

"<~PIMPTOAD> WAIT JINTO'S MOM IS DEAD?"

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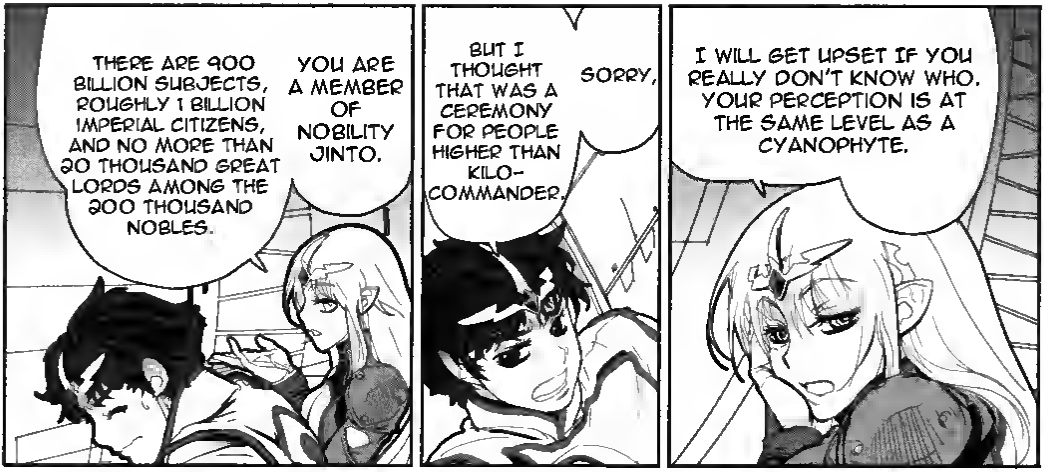
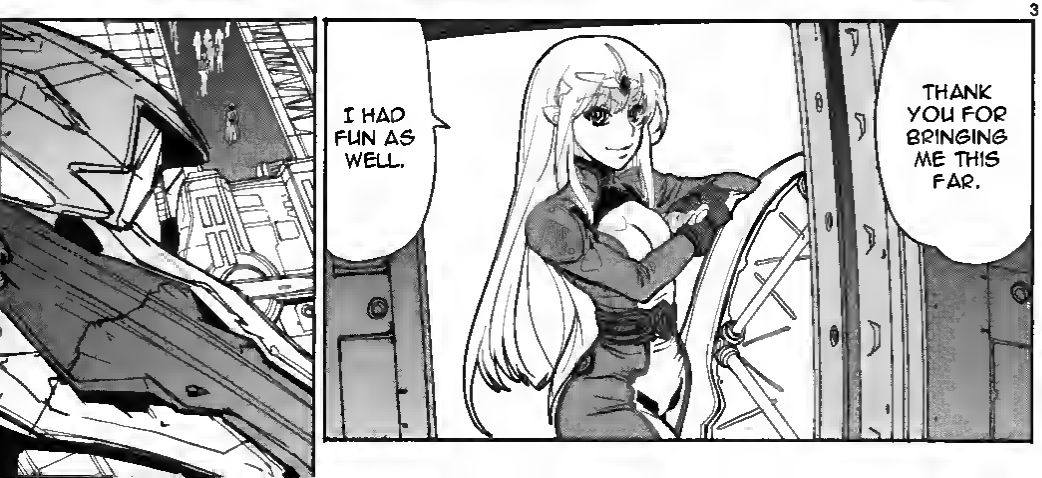
IS THAT PATROL SHIP GOSLAUTH?
YES.
WOW
THE GOSLAUTH IS THE EMPIRE'S STATE OF THE ART SHIP. THE LENGTH IS ABOUT 12.82 ÜÈSDAGH*.
SURPRISINGLY SMALL.
※1 ÜÈSDAGH
IT IS SMALL IF YOU COMPARE IT TO A BATTLESHIP OR A TRANSPORT SHIP.
BUT A SHIP WITH THIS MUCH POWER IS A FIRST IN THE EMPIRE
THERE IS PROBABLY NOT ANOTHER ONE IN THE HUMAN UNIVERSE.
I WOULD THINK SO
PRESSURIZATION COMPLETE. PLEASE STANDBY
UNDERSTOOD
STANDBY. HOW LONG ARE THEY GOING TO MAKE US WAIT?
TODAY IS SPECIAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE WELCOME CEREMONY HAVE TO BE DONE.
WELCOME CEREMONY? FOR WHO?


YOU ARE A MEMBER OF NOBILITY JINTO.
THERE ARE 900 BILLION SUBJECTS, ROUGHLY 1 BILLION IMPERIAL CITIZENS, AND NO MORE THAN 20 THOUSAND GREAT LORDS AMONG THE 200 THOUSAND NOBLES.
SORRY,
BUT I THOUGHT THAT WAS A CEREMONY FOR PEOPLE HIGHER THAN KILO-COMMANDER.
I WILL GET UPSET IF YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW WHO. YOUR PERCEPTION IS AT THE SAME LEVEL AS A CYANOPHYTE.

YES, THEY ARE VERY EXAGGE-RATED.
BUT I'VE BEEN BAD WITH CEREMONIES SINCE FOREVER.
UNDER-STOOD
THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE WELCOME CEREMONY ARE COMPLETE. PLEASE GUIDE LINN SSYNEC ROCR IARLUCEC DREUC GHINTEC TO THE VESSEL.

THE RESIDENTIAL AREA IS LIMITED, SO I THINK WE WILL.
WILL WE MEET AFTER?


I HAD FUN AS WELL.
THANK YOU FOR BRINGING ME THIS FAR.

I'M IN YOUR CARE UNTIL THE CAPITAL, CAPTAIN.
LEAVE IT TO ME IF YOU'D LIKE, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO MY SUBORDINATES.
PLEASE DO.
LINN SSYNEC ROCR ÏARLUCEC DREUC GHINTEC.
SO IT'S NORMAL FOR ABH'S TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES IN A FIRST MEETING.
IT IS AN HONOR TO HAVE YOU VISIT, YOUR EXCELLENCY.
I'M THE CAPTAIN OF THE PATROL SHIP GOSLAUTH, HECTO-COMMANDER LEXSHUE.
4
AND LASTLY FRONT FLYER YUNSERYUA, SENIOR COMMUNI-CATIONS OFFICER.
FRONT FLYER SARIUSH, SENIOR GUNNERY OFFICER.
DECA-COMMANDER LAIRIA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND SENIOR NAVIGATOR
DECA-COMMANDER DEESH, WING, ADMINIS-TRATION DIVISION
DECA-COMMANDER GYUMURYUA, CONTROL, MAINTE-NANCE DIVISION
THEN PLEASE FOLLOW ME.
MAY I HAVE THE HONOR OF YOU COMING TO THE BRIDGE?
WE WILL LEAVE SHORTLY.
I WOULD LOVE TO.

YOUR EXCELLENCY LINN SSYNEC ROCR IARLUCEC DREUC GHINTEC AND THE CAPTAIN!
RECEIVED ACCESS PERMIT FOR VORLASH SYSTEM'S SORD.
STEERING PREPARATIONS COMPLETE.
SHIP SURROUNDINGS NO ABNORMALITIES
ALL ENGINES NO ABNORMALITIES
PREPARE TO SAIL. BRING UP VISUALS OF THE SHIP'S EXTERIOR.
THEN PLEASE SIT HERE.
THANK YOU.
5
APPROVED
HEADING AT 12-62-55.
GOOD WORK. PROCEED THROUGH THE VORLASH SORD AT GRAVITY LEVEL 6.
PREPARATIONS TO DEPART, COMPLETE.
PERMIT IS VALID FROM 15:07:12 TO 15:07:18 SHIP TIME.
SET SAIL!
VERY WELL
ATTITUDE CONTROL COMPLETE
I SEE. THEY ARE DOING THIS FOR ME SINCE I DON'T HAVE SPATIAL-SENSE (FROCRAGH)

6
PASSING THROUGH THE SORD IN THREE MINUTES. GENERATING SPACE-TIME BUBBLE
SPACE-TIME BUBBLE GENERATOR NO ABNORMALITIES
SPACE-TIME BUBBLE CONFIRMED

7
SORD PASSAGE TIME 1 MINUTE.
BEGIN COUNT-DOWN THIRTY SECONDS BEFORE SORD PASSAGE.
UNDER-STOOD
.....5
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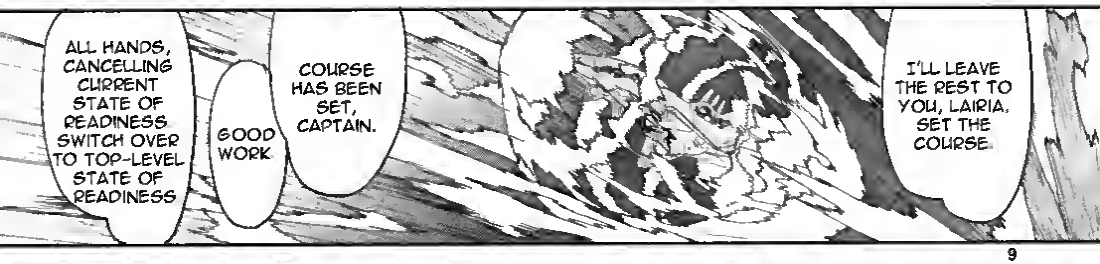
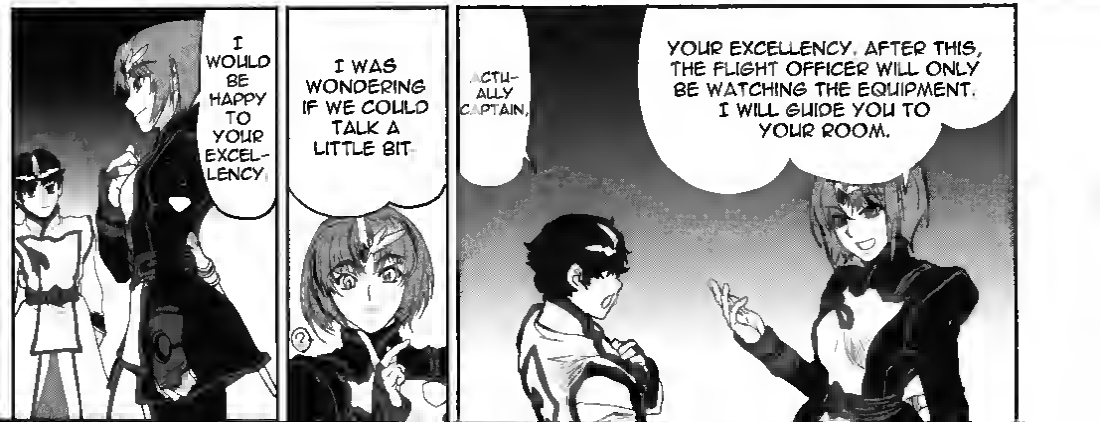
PASSING

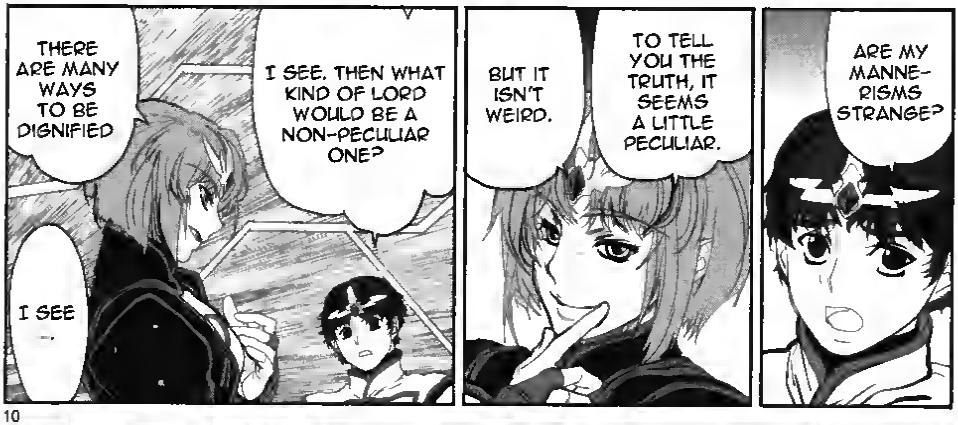
CONFIRM POSITION.
POSITION CONFIRMED.
117.92 FROM RIGHT TERMINUS
98D DEGREE UNTIL COMPLETE MOBILE STATE
CALCULATE SFAGNAUMR SORD'S COURSE
CALCULATION COMPLETE


I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU, LAIRIA, SET THE COURSE.
COURSE HAS BEEN SET, CAPTAIN.
GOOD WORK
ALL HANDS, CANCELLING CURRENT STATE OF READINESS SWITCH OVER TO TOP-LEVEL STATE OF READINESS


YOUR EXCELLENCY. AFTER THIS, THE FLIGHT OFFICER WILL ONLY BE WATCHING THE EQUIPMENT. I WILL GUIDE YOU TO YOUR ROOM.
ACTUALLY CAPTAIN,
I WAS WONDERING IF WE COULD TALK A LITTLE BIT
I WOULD BE HAPPY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WISH TO TALK ABOUT?
DO YOU KNOW THE ORIGINS OF THE HYDE FAMILY?
YES. IT WAS A TOPIC OF CONVER-SATION.

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO ACT TOWARDS US?
YES.
THEN YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT I DON'T REALLY COMPREHEND THE ETIQUETTE OF BEING A NOBLEMAN.


THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO BE DIGNIFIED
I SEE. THEN WHAT KIND OF LORD WOULD BE A NON-PECULIAR ONE?
I SEE ...
BUT IT ISN'T WEIRD.
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, IT SEEMS A LITTLE PECULIAR.
ARE MY MANNE-RISMS STRANGE?

YES. IT'S SEEN AS NATURAL EVERY AFFLIATED ORGANIZATION HAS THEIR OWN POSITION CALLED THE IMPERIAL COURT RANK...
ACTUALLY I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT AS WELL. IT SEEMS THAT NOBLES WORKING UNDER THE LANDED GENTRY IS A COMMON OCCURRENCE.
YOU DO KNOW THAT YOUR STATUS IS HIGHER THAN MINE, RIGHT?

WHETHER IN THE MILITARY OR IN SOCIETY, THE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T BE ON TIME ARE SEEN AS UNFIT PEOPLE. IF ONE'S OWN NATURE IS IMPORTANT, IS A SOCIAL STANDING SYSTEM NEEDED?
IS IT HARD TO COM-MAND?
HOWEVER INSIDE THE MILITARY IT'S SAID THERE IS ONLY THIS.
NO, AS A NOBLEMAN, IT'S FINE TO HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT YOUR OWN STATUS, RIGHT?
WAIT, ISN'T THIS CRITICIZING THE EMPIRE'S SOCIAL STANDING SYSTEM?
YES, THERE IS A REASON FOR OUR SOCIAL ORDER-- THAT IS WHAT I THINK.
FAMILY TRADI-TIONS HUH.
WE EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM THOSE OUTSTANDING ONES AND OUR THOUGHTS PAY RESPECT TO THOSE FAMILY TRADITIONS.
A NOBLEMAN IS A DESCENDANT OF AN OUTSTANDING PERSON. THE DESCENDANT IS THE ONE SUCCEEDING THAT OUTSTANDING PERSON'S FAMILY TRADITIONS.
IS SHE A NOBLE AS WELL?
ALRIGHT, THEN I'LL SHOW YOU TO YOUR ROOM. THE TRAINEE WHO PICKED YOU UP AT THE SPACEPORT-
YES, OF COU-RSE.
WAS THAT HELPFUL?

ABRI-EL...
BRING TRAINEE FLYER ABRIEL TO THE BRIDGE IMMEDI-ATELY.
NO, IT'S NOT SURPRISING WITH YOUR STRANGE UPBRINGING.
IS IT STRANGE THAT I DON'T?
NO, DO YOU NOT KNOW OF HER?
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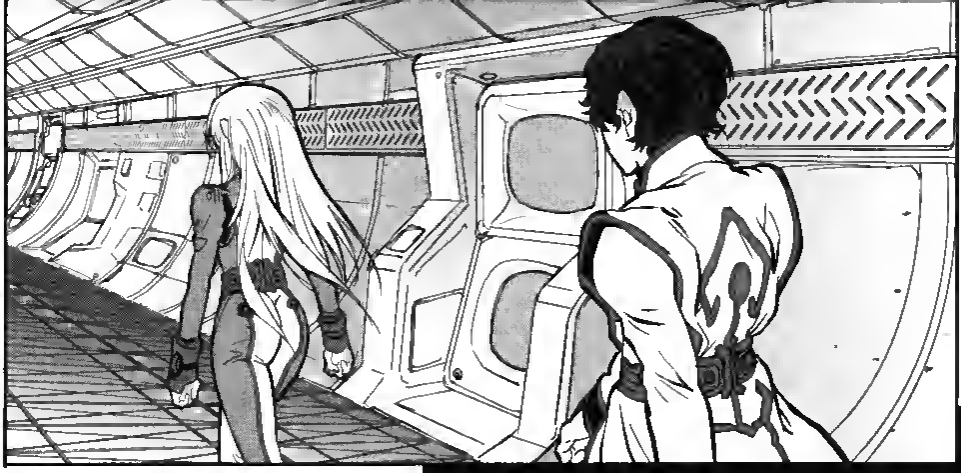
KRYB'S ROYAL FAMILY.
WHAT KIND OF ABRIEL IS SHE?
IT'S THE SAME NAME OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF'S FLEET THAT INVADED THE HYDE STAR SYSTEM. SO SHE IS A DAUGHTER OF THE IMPERIAL FAMILY?
TRAINEE FLYER ABRIEL IS HER MAJESTY EMPRESS RAMAJ'S GRAND-DAUGHTER.
YES.
THEN ...

JOIN THE MILITARY, BECOME A FLIGHT STAFF OFFICER AND FULFILL YOUR DUTIES.
WITH THAT SAID, THE PEOPLE BORN INTO THE 8 FAMILIES REQUIRE THE QUALITIES OF A SUCCESSOR.
THE EMPIRE'S INTEGRATION IS SECURED BY FORCE, AND THE EMPEROR HAS TO COMMAND THE MILITARY.
THE HUMANKIND EMPIRE OF ABH'S THRONE IS HEREDITARY. THE ABRIEL FAMILY NAME IS JOINTLY SHARED BY THE 8 ROYAL FAMILIES.
ROYAL FAMILY KRYB NEI DUBLE-USCR
ROYAL FAMILY SYLE-ZEDEL NEI DOU-ASEK
ROYAL FAMILY BARK-ZEDEL NEI DOU-BUZEL
ROYAL FAMILY BARKE NEI LAMSAR
ROYAL FAMILY WESKO NEI DUEL
ROYAL FAMILY LARYCH NEI LAM RYULAR
ROYAL FAMILY ILYSR NEI DOUSIL
ROYAL FAMILY SKILL NEI LAMALAR
BY ASSUMING THIS HIGH POST, HE IS IN LINE TO BECOME THE NEXT EMPEROR. THAT IS, HE BECOMES THE CROWN PRINCE.
STARTING OFF AS LINE WING OFFICER, YOU ADVANCE THROUGH TWELVE RANKS TO BECOME IMPERIAL ADMIRAL WHICH YOU ARE THEN APPOINTED TO BECOME THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE IMPERIAL FLEET.
THE EMPIRE'S EMPRESS THAT RULES 900 BILLION IMPERIAL SUBJECTS, HER MAJESTY RAMAJ'S GRAND-DAUGHTER.
LARTH KRYB DUBELUSEC'S FIRST PRINCESS.
ABLIARSEC NÉIC DUBLEUSCR BŒRH PARHYNR LAMHIRH.



LAFIEL SAID THAT, BUT

THE MILITARY IS A CLASS IN ITS OWN RIGHT

TO ME, THE CAPTAIN'S BEHAVIOR WAS VERY POLITE

THIS IS BAD...

WAS I OVERLY FAMILIAR WITH HER IN THE SHUTTLE
IF THAT'S THE CASE,

I KNEW I COULDN'T DO THAT, BUT SUDDENLY ROYALTY...
I WANTED TO AVOID RELATION-SHIPS WITH FELLOW NOBILITY...
ALSO WHY ARE YOU WALKING BEHIND ME?
!
HAVEN'T YOU BEEN QUIET FOR SOME TIME?
WHAT'S WRONG JINTO?

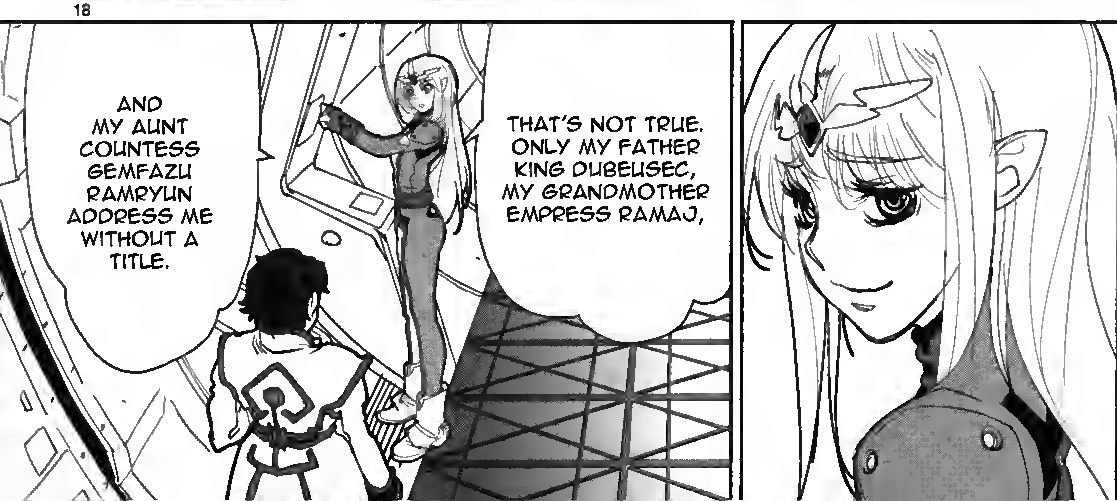
THAT IS
YOUR HIGHNESS THE IMPERIAL PRINCESS

!!
I AM NOT AN IMPERIAL PRINCESS, BUT A KING'S DAUGHTER!
THE EMPRESS IS MY GRAND-MOTHER, BUT MY FATHER IS A KING.
ANYWAYS IF YOU ARE FOCUSING ON MY RELATION TO THE EMPRESS, I AM THE IMPERIAL GRAND-DAUGHTER, SO
IT'S NOT AN OFFICIAL TITLE AND I RARELY USE IT.

-NESS ...
I'M VERY SORRY, YOUR HIGH...
FIRST ISN'T THE SOUND OF IT BAD? "YOUR HIGHNESS THE IMPERIAL GRAND-DAUGHTER."
IS REFRE-SHINGLY SURPRISING.
IN FACT, FINDING OUT THAT I AM AN IMPERIAL GRAND-DAUGHTER

WHEN I WAS BORN,
EH?
AT THIS TIME, FOR SOME REASON, BEING CALLED TRAINEE FLYER ABRIEL WAS COMMON.
.....
THAT'S WHY SOMETIMES I'M CALLED VISCOUNTESS PARYUN.
RATHER THAN THE EMPRESS, MY FATHER WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE GUARDIAN, AND I TOOK VISCOUNTESS PARYUN'S TITLE AND TERRITORY.
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU,
"YOU SHALL CALL ME LAFIEL!"

I'M SORRY LAFIEL.
FRIENDS CALL YOU LAFIEL IS WHAT YOU MEAN.


THAT'S NOT TRUE. ONLY MY FATHER KING DUBEUSEC, MY GRANDMOTHER EMPRESS RAMAJ,
AND MY AUNT COUNTESS GEMFAZU RAMRYUN ADDRESS ME WITHOUT A TITLE.

MY FRIENDS SAY "HER HIGHNESS, THE PRINCESS" OR "HER HIGHNESS." BETWEEN RELATIVES, THE NAME "HER HIGHNESS LAFIEL" GAINED POPULARITY.
AND ALSO THE FORMER EMPEROR, THAT'S ABOUT IT.
YOU WERE THE FIRST ONE WHO ASKED FOR MY NAME.
THEN WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE CALLED LAFIEL...
.....
ESPECIALLY BY A PERSON LIKE ME WHO YOU JUST MET?
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BUT JUST A LITTLE BIT.
BUT THE STUDENTS AT THE ACADEMY CALLED OUT TO EACH OTHER WITHOUT TITLES.
A LITTLE BIT
EVEN THE PEOPLE CLOSE TO ME CALL ME "HIGHNESS." IT WAS LIKE THAT EVER SINCE I WAS BORN, SO I NEVER PAID ATTENTION TO IT.

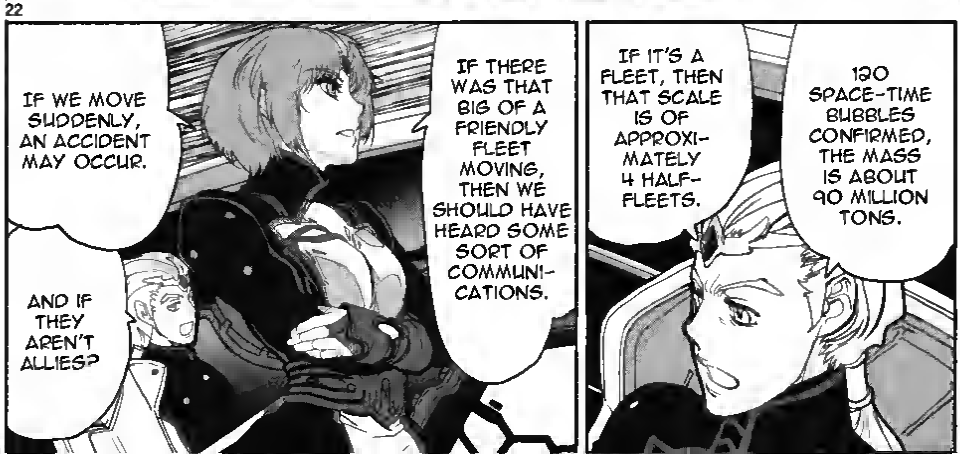
I'M SORRY, I...
YOU DON'T NEED TO APOLOGIZE. I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH DISCIPLINE TO ENDURE MEAN NAMES, BUT IF IT'S A DESIGNATION THEN I'LL ACCEPT IT WHATEVER IT IS.
YOUR HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OR VISCOUNTESS PARYUN, YOU CAN CALL ME WHATEVER YOU WANT, YOUR EXCELLENCY COUNT HYDE.
IN MY CASE, I WAS THE ONLY NOBLEMAN AT MY SCHOOL.
IT WAS A DIFFERENT SITUATION THAN HER, BUT THERE WAS MUCH ALIENATION.
I FELT ENVIOUS.
WHEN WE WERE ALL TOGETHER IT SEEMED LIKE EVERYONE COULDN'T RELAX, EVEN MORE SO AFTER I NOTICED.
I SEEM TO HAVE A SIMILAR RECOLLECTION.
UH, NO PLEASE LET ME CALL YOU LAFIEL...
DON'T GET ME WRONG, I DIDN'T REALLY SAY "I WANT YOU TO CALL ME LAFIEL."
WHEN YOU ASKED MY NAME, I THOUGHT ABOUT INCLUDING MY TITLE WITH MY INTRODUCTION.

PLEASE, I WANT TO CALL YOU LAFIEL.
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF YOUR EXCEL-LENCY.
HOW ABOUT YOUR HIGHNESS THE IMPERIAL GRAND-DAUGHTER OR WHAT-EVER.
IT SEEMS LIKE SHE IS BAD AT LYING. I DON'T THINK SHE IS SUITABLE TO BE THE EMPRESS...
HOW CAN I GET YOU TO FORGIVE ME LAFIEL!?
GAH!
YOU REALLY DIDN'T REALIZE I WAS AN ABRIEL, DID YOU?
HE HE HE
HEH

HMM, REALLY?
NOT AT ALL.

LAIRIA, REPORT.
CAPTAIN. WE HAVE DISCOVERED AN UNKNOWN SPACE-TIME BUBBLE CLUSTER.

BEARING: FRONT 78 DEGREES. DISTANCE: 1539.17 IMPERIAL NAUTICAL MILES. COURSE: AHEAD 18 DEGREES IN THE DIRECTION OF MARQUIS SAFUGNOFF'S TERRITORY.
THE NEXT PORT OF CALL IS SAFUG-NOFF, CORRECT?
THAT'S RIGHT. WE WILL ARRIVE FIRST.


120 SPACE-TIME BUBBLES CONFIRMED, THE MASS IS ABOUT 90 MILLION TONS.
IF IT'S A FLEET, THEN THAT SCALE IS OF APPROXI-MATELY 4 HALF-FLEETS.
IF THERE WAS THAT BIG OF A FRIENDLY FLEET MOVING, THEN WE SHOULD HAVE HEARD SOME SORT OF COMMUNI-CATIONS.
IF WE MOVE SUDDENLY, AN ACCIDENT MAY OCCUR.
AND IF THEY AREN'T ALLIES?

THERE ARE NONE.
IS THERE A MANNED PLANET WITHIN 1 LIGHT YEAR WITH A SORD?
WE HAVE JUST DISCOVERED 47 OF THEM RIGHT NOW AT THE CLOSED SORD.
DO YOU KNOW FROM WHICH SORD THEY ARE APPROA-CHING?
HOW ABOUT 5 LIGHT YEARS?
IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING.
FROM SORD KEISH 193, IT'S 4 1 LIGHT YEARS TO THE VASCOTTON SYSTEM, PLANET VASCOTTON IV. THAT IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE UNITED MANKIND.
THERE IS ONE.
ACCORDING TO THE EMPIRE, THEY WERE SERIOUSLY AGAINST THE CONQUEST OF THE HYDE SYSTEM.
IT LOOKS LIKE THE UNITED MANKIND WANTS TO GO TO WAR.
WHAT IS?
IT'S THIS HUH.
I'M SURE THEY JUST WANTED AN EXCUSE
ALL OF A SUDDEN WORLD CONQUEST BECAME AN UNFORGI-VABLE, RECKLESS ACTION.
7 YEARS AGO, WHEN THE HYDE SYSTEM WAS INCORPORTED INTO THE EMPIRE, IT SEEMS LIKE THEY WOULD ALWAYS ONLY RAISE A PATHETIC PROTEST EVEN THOUGH THEY DIDN'T HAVE A HUGE INTEREST IN IT.

IN OTHER WORDS THEY HAVE PREPARED FOR WAR
BUT ...
GIVING UP A CORRIDOR WITHIN THE EMPIRE AND SUCH WILL BRING ON UNREASONABLE DEMANDS.
I KNOW THE EMPIRE WOULD NOT ACCEPT SUCH THINGS.
FREEING THE HYDE SYSTEM AND THE ABILITY TO PROTECT THEM.
THIS LIE WAS TO FOOL NONE OTHER THAN THEMSELVES.
BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND, WHY DID THEY CREATE THIS OBVIOUS LIE?
EVEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND THEIR STATE OF MIND. MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE THEY WANT TO ASSERT THAT THEY ARE AN ALLY OF JUSTICE?
SELF-DECEPTION HUH ..I UNDERSTAND IT LESS AND LESS.

ALL OF THE DISASTERS HAVE AN ABH HAND IN THEM...
LOOK AT THE "HUMAN UNITY" HISTORY BOOK JUST ONCE.
OH DIDN'T YOU KNOW LAIRIA? WE ARE NATURAL INVADERS THAT SLAUGHTER.
A MATTER OF HONOR HUH. ARE WE EVIL INCARNATE?

OR THIS IS A BAD DREAM.
I BELIEVE THAT A MIRACLE WILL HAPPEN
ORIGINALLY, BY CHANCE IT HAPPENED JUST RECENTLY IN HYDE COUNTY OR POSSIBLY THIS PLAN TOOK LESS THAN 10 YEARS.
IT STARTED BEFORE HYDE COUNTY WAS FOUNDED, SO THERE'S NO MISTAKE THAT THEY ARE INVOLVED.
1 SPACE-TIME BUBBLE HAS DIVIDED INTO 10 AND THEY HAVE CHANGED THEIR COURSE TO OUR LOCATION.
THEY ARE CLEARLY PLANNING TO CAPTURE THE GOSLAUTH.
THE INSIDE OF THE SPACE-TIME BUBBLE'S MASS HAS DECREASED AND THE SPEED INCREASED
UPON INVESTIGATION OF THE MASS, I BELIEVE IT TO BE THE SPACE-TIME BUBBLE OF AN ASSAULT SHIP.
25
IN 4 HOURS HUH.
WHEN WILL WE ENTER OUR GUESTS' MINE RANGE?
AROUND 21:15 SHIP TIME.

SENIOR GUNNERY OFFICER, TACTICAL ANALYSIS.
EXECUTIVE OFFICER!
PLAN TO CHANGE FROM 2ND STAGE WAR READINESS TO 1ST AT 20:30 SHIP TIME.
WHAT ARE OUR CHANCES OF WINNING?
AND...

WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT THOSE TWO...

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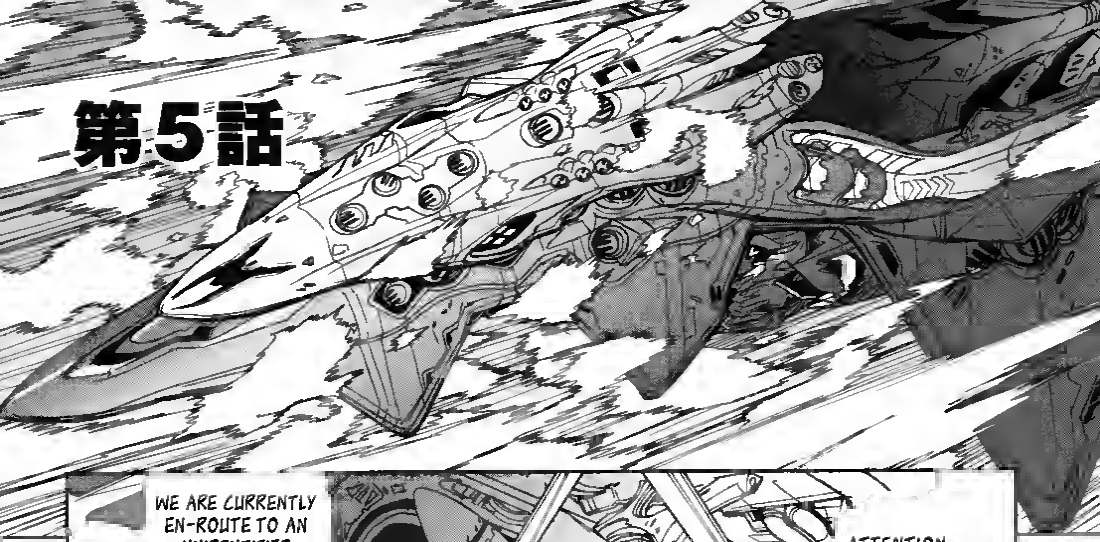
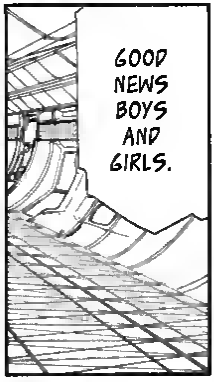


ATTENTION. THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING EVERYONE. LISTEN WHERE YOU ARE.
WE ARE CURRENTLY EN-ROUTE TO AN UNIDENTIFIED SPACE-TIME BUBBLE THAT'S IN FRONT OF US.
IT'S PROBABLY A FLEET BELONGING TO THE UNITED MANKIND.

THEIR DESTINATION IS THOUGHT TO BE THE SAME AS OURS, THE SUFUGNOFF SYSTEM.
BUT THEY DON'T APPEAR TO BE VERY HAPPY ABOUT THAT.
10 ASSAULT SHIP CLASS SPACE-TIME BUBBLES ARE COMING TO MEET US.

THIS LOOKS LIKE IT WILL BE A FIGHT.


GOOD NEWS BOYS AND GIRLS.

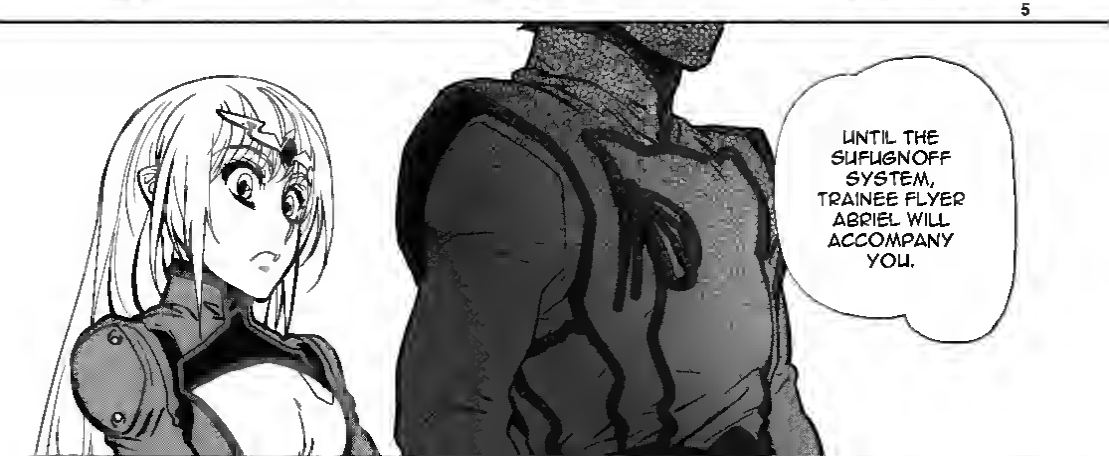
CAN YOU COME NOW?
I'VE BEEN ORDERED TO BRING YOU TO THE BRIDGE.
OF COURSE.
PLEASE COME IN LAFIEL.
JINTO, CAN WE TALK?
IT'S JUST AS YOU HEARD. I ALSO DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ELSE.
IS THIS A DRILL?
BUT WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?
I REPEAT, THIS IS NOT A DRILL.
THIS IS NOT A DRILL.
2
MY PRECIOUS CREW.
WITH THAT IN MIND, ALL OFF-DUTY PERSONNEL REST YOUR BODIES.
IF THOSE GUYS ARE PERSISTENT, WE WILL PLUNGE INTO BATTLE AT AROUND SHIP TIME 21:15.

CAPTAIN OVER AND OUT.
APPARENTLY WE ARE IN A LOCATION WHERE A WAR IS STARTING.
WHAT LUCK
THIS IS NOT A DRILL NOR A MANEU-VERING PRACTICE.
REPEATING FOR THE LAST TIME, SO PLEASE REMEMBER
SAME HERE. OUR OPPONENT THIS TIME SEEMS TO BE THE UNITED MANKIND.
IF POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE THIS TO BE OVER BEFORE MY INVESTITURE.
EVEN THOUGH I STUMBLE, I DON'T NEED ANY MORE HARD-SHIPS.
GEEZ... LIFE IS JUST A STRING OF UNEXPECTED LUCK.

THOUGH I DON'T KNOW IF IT WILL END BY THE TIME I DIE.
WE DON'T LIKE LEAVING WARS HALF-FINISHED.

THANK YOU FOR COMING YOUR EXCELLENCY.
AND TRAINEE FLYER ABRIEL AS WELL. PLEASE STAND BY.
UNDER-STOOD.
I BELIEVE YOU HEARD THE CIRCUMSTANCES VIA THE SHIP'S INTERCOM.
IT LOOKS LIKE WE ARE GOING INTO COMBAT.
YES.
RIGHT NOW, OUR CHANCES OF WINNING ARE 37%.
AT MOST WE DON'T HAVE MORE THAN A 50% CHANCE.
THAT'S NOT GOOD.
YES, IT WOULD BE BEST IF WE COULD RUN.
UNFOR-TUNATELY THE CIRCUM-STANCES DON'T ALLOW FOR THAT.
THEREFORE, LINN SSYNEC RAUCR IARLUCEC DREUC HAIDER GHINTEC
I WOULD LIKE YOU TO LEAVE THE SHIP.

AS I THOUGHT. I WILL HOLD PEOPLE BACK IF I STAY HERE.
IS AN OBLIGATION FOR THE COMMANDER OF THE STAR FORCES.
HAVING THE NON-COMBATANTS BE SAFE
ON THE SHIP IS A COMMUNI-CATIONS BOAT YOU CAN FLY.
USE THAT AND JUMP AHEAD TO SUFUGNOFF.
AT SUFUGNOFF THERE IS A COMMUNI-CATIONS BASE.
CATCH ANOTHER BOAT THERE AND CONTINUE TO RUN AWAY.
ON THE WAY YOU WILL HAVE TO RESUPPLY ONCE.
BUT YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO ARRIVE FASTER THAN THAT SPACE-TIME BUBBLE.


UNTIL THE SUFUGNOFF SYSTEM, TRAINEE FLYER ABRIEL WILL ACCOMPANY YOU.

J-
JUST A MOMENT CAPTAIN!
I DON'T HAVE A CAPTAIN'S BADGE!
BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED THE CAPTAIN'S COURSE
AFTER THIS NAVIGATION YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE THE BADGE.
6
IT'S A MERE MATTER OF PROCEDURE.
YOU CAN STEER TRAINEE.
BUT, IN THIS SHIP I CAN...
I DON'T PLAN TO DISCUSS THIS WITH YOU TRAINEE FLYER.
AREN'T I THE CAPTAIN OF THIS SHIP?

I DARE SAY, I AM AN ABRIEL.
I CAN'T ACCEPT THIS!
ESCAPING FROM AN ENEMY THAT'S RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME BRINGS SHAME TO AN ABRIEL.
LAMHIRH.
ABLIARSEC NÉÏC DUBLEUSCR BŒRH PARHYNR
7
YOU CAN TALK BIG UNTIL AFTER YOU RECEIVE YOUR ALMFAC MATBRAR*.

*TWO-WINGED TIARA WORN BY OFFICERS PERSONALLY APPOINTED BY THE EMPEROR.

ISN'T AVOIDING THAT DUTY ALSO RUNNING AWAY FROM THE ENEMY IN FRONT OF YOU?
IF YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND THAT, THEN YOU ARE INCOMPETENT.
YOU HAVE THE GREAT DUTY OF GOING TO THE EMPIRE AND WARNING THEM OF THE APPROACHING ENEMY VESSELS
TAKE HIS HIGHNESS COUNT HYDE FROM THIS BATTLE AREA
THIS IS NOT YOUR BATTLE TO FIGHT, BUT I WILL GIVE YOU A DUTY TO FULFILL.
THEN YOU DO NOT DESERVE THE LOYALTY OF THE ABH!
IF YOU BELIEVE THAT SHAMES YOU,
IF YOU STILL HAVE A PROBLEM, THEN YOU WILL BE CONFINED ACCORDING TO THE PENAL CODE. IF YOU CONTINUE TO BE STUBBORN, YOU WILL BRING YOUR NAME TO THE EMPRESS.

I HAVE MADE A MISTAKE CAPTAIN.
9
WHEN PREPARATIONS ARE DONE, PLEASE REPORT.
I STILL HAVE TO SAY SOMETHING TO HIS HIGHNESS COUNT HYDE.
I UNDER-STAND. I WILL PREPARE TO TAKE OFF IN THE COMM. BOAT.
PREPARE TO TAKE OFF IN THE COMM. BOAT.
I UNDER-STAND.
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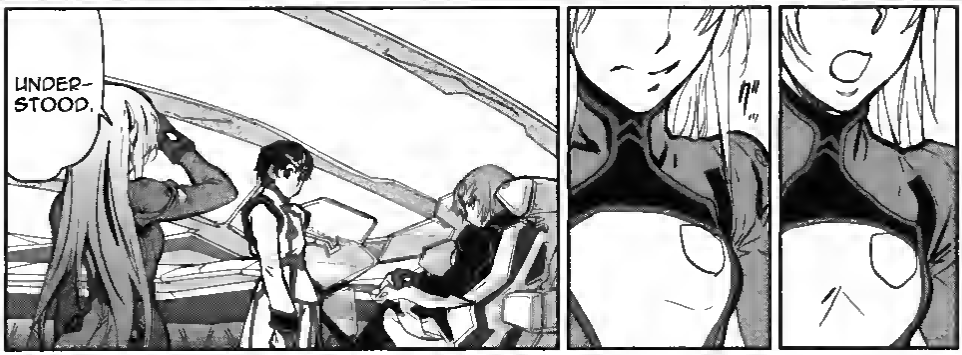
YOU DON'T NEED TO COME BACK HERE.
LET'S MEET AT LAKFAKALLE.
THEN GO.

MY CUTE HIGHNESS.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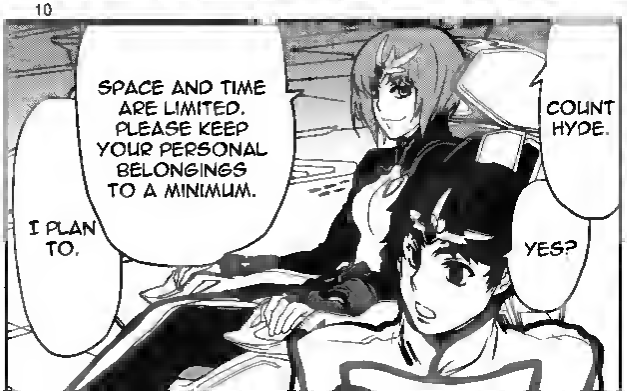
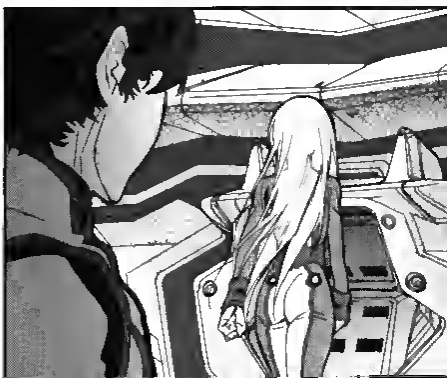

SPACE AND TIME ARE LIMITED. PLEASE KEEP YOUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS TO A MINIMUM.
I PLAN TO.
COUNT HYDE.
YES?



YES?
ALSO, ALONG WITH YOUR OTHER BELONGINGS, THERE IS SOMETHING I WANT YOU TO TAKE.
11
I WANT YOU TO GIVE ONE GUN TO ABRIEL, COUNT HYDE
IS THIS REALLY NEEDED?
JUST IN CASE.
I'M GUESSING THAT ENEMY FLEET IS AN ADVANCED FLEET.
BUT THE SITUATION IS PROBABLY GETTING WORSE BY THE MINUTE
IN OTHER WORDS...
BY THE TIME WE REACH SUFUGNOFF, IT WOULD HAVE ALREADY FALLEN?
I HOPE THAT ISN'T THE CASE.
.....
UM CAP-TAIN.
IN ACTU-ALITY,
ISN'T THE MAIN OBJECTIVE TO ALLOW THE PRINCESS TO RUN?

DON'T MIS-UNDER-STAND ME.
SORRY THAT I SAID SUCH STUPID THINGS.
THOUGH I WOULD BE LYING IF I SAID I WASN'T HAPPY THAT THE PRINCESS
WAS COINCI-DENTALLY A TRAINEE FLYER.
HER HIGHNESS LAFIEL HAS THE POSSIBILITY OF BECOMING THE EMPRESS.
AT THAT TIME SHE WILL REALIZE THAT IT WAS GOOD THAT SHE WAS SCHOOLED DURING
HER TRAINEE DAYS.
THAT IS MY HOPE.
IS THAT TRUE?
YES.
THEN IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GO.
GO TO YOUR ROOM AND GATHER YOUR BELONGINGS.
OK.
UM, CAPTAIN.
WHAT IS IT?
IN MY ROOM IS MY CREST BANNER.
ONE DAY MY SHIP BOARDING CEREMONY DAY WILL COME.
SO I WILL LEAVE THIS HERE FOR NOW.

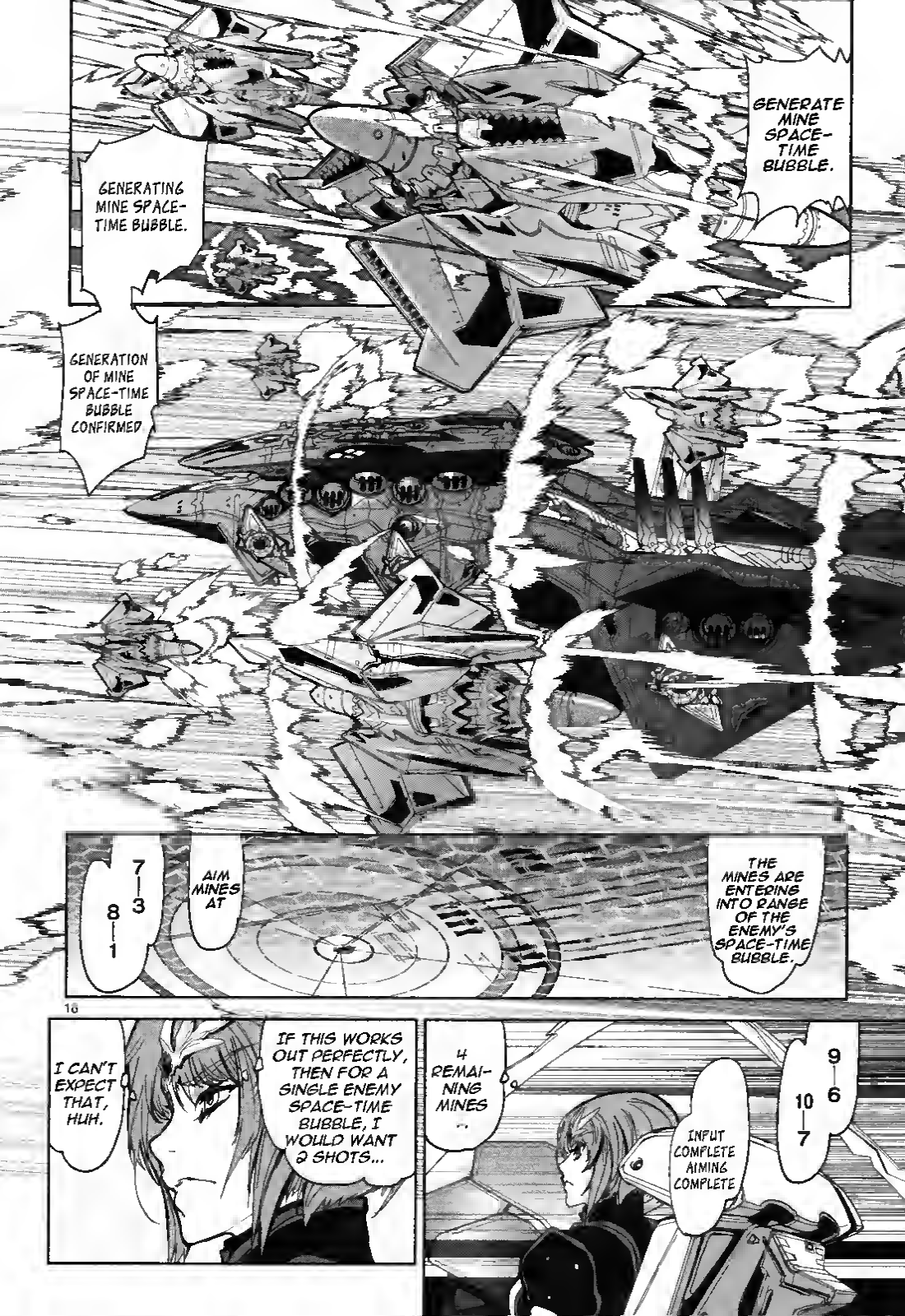
I CAN'T THINK OF A TIME WHEN SUCH A HOPELESS SITUATION OCCURS WHEN SHE RELIES ON ME,
BUT IF THAT TIME COMES, I WILL TRY MY BEST.
I LEAVE HER HIGHNESS IN YOUR HANDS, COUNT HYDE.
OH IS IT? THANK GOD.
THAT IS VERY MUCH LIKE A NOBLEMAN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, YOUR EXCELLENCY.
I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT MY RACE'S CHARACTER SO MUCH.
FROM TIME TO TIME, IT'S A STRAIGHT QUESTION THAT I'M HIT WITH.
I'M ALSO INTE-RESTED IN HIM.
WHAT A GOOD YOUNG MAN.
HE'S NOT CURIOUS OR FULL OF HATRED, BUT HE IS LOOKING AT US.
YES.
HIS EXCEL-LENCY DOESN'T HOLD BACK.
I LIKE THOSE EYES
WHEN YOU DO SOMETHING, HE WILL SILENTY ASK "WHAT IS AN ABH?"

COMM BOAT HAS DEPARTED.
BUT ALSO PROPERLY RETURNING TO THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL AS WELL
THAT'S TRUE. INTRODUCING THOSE TWO WAS MY BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT.
IT'S A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM. IT WOULD BE NICE IF IT HAD A GOOD EFFECT ON THEM.
COMM BOAT SPACE-TIME SEPARATION.
EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE CRITICIZING A SENIOR OFFICER, FEELING BAD ABOUT IT IS A PROFOUND AND DEEP DISCOVERY.
WE ARE THE ONES IN A BIGGER CRISIS.
I FEEL BAD FOR CRITICIZING A SENIOR OFFICER, BUT
IS IT STRANGE THAT I AM?
YOU SEEM TO BE VERY WORRIED.
RIGHT NOW MY DUTY IS TO MY MEN.
BUT LIKE YOU SAID.

20:30
I HEARD YOU LOUD AND CLEAR.
CAP-TAIN.
NO RESPONSE FROM THE SPACE-TIME GROUP.
IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE HAVE RECEIVED A CHALLENGE SIGNAL.
FROM THIS POINT ON WE ARE ARE ENTERING 1ST STAGE WAR READINESS.
EVERYONE BATTLE STATIONS.
THIS IS THE CAPTAIN.
PREPARE FOR MINE WARFARE.
15
INJECTING OF ANTIMATTER FUEL IS COMPLETE
INJECT ANTI-MATTER FUEL FOR MINES 7 THROUGH 10.

PREPARE FOR NORMAL SPACE WARFARE
IGNITE THE MAIN ENGINE.
UNDERSTOOD.
IGNITING THE MAIN ENGINE.
SENIOR GUNNER, PREPARE THE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC CANNON.
UNDERSTOOD. PREPARING TO FIRE THE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC CANNON.
LOADING THE NUCLEAR WARHEAD.
NUCLEAR WARHEAD IN POSITION.
ACCELE-RATION BELT ACTIVATING
ACCELE-RATION BELT ACTIVATION CONFIRMED

OPEN ALL GUN PORTS.
NUMBERS 1, 2, 3, 4
5 AND 6 GUN PORTS OPENING.
OPENING CONFIRMED
ALL GUN PORTS ARE OPEN
OPENING THE LAUNCH HATCH.
AFTER THE HATCH, STANDBY IN THE SPACE-TIME BUBBLE.
UNDER-STOOD.
INJECTING OF MINE ANTIMATTER FUEL IS COMPLETE.
OPEN THE LAUNCH HATCH.
UNDERSTOOD.
LAUNCH THE MINES.
LAUNCHING THE MINES!


GENERATE MINE SPACE-TIME BUBBLE.
GENERATING MINE SPACE-TIME BUBBLE.
GENERATION OF MINE SPACE-TIME BUBBLE CONFIRMED
THE MINES ARE ENTERING INTO RANGE OF THE ENEMY'S SPACE-TIME BUBBLE.
AIM MINES AT
7—3
8—1
9—6
10—7
INPUT COMPLETE AIMING COMPLETE
4 REMAINING MINES...
IF THIS WORKS OUT PERFECTLY, THEN FOR A SINGLE ENEMY SPACE-TIME BUBBLE, I WOULD WANT 2 SHOTS...
I CAN'T EXPECT THAT, HUH.

I'M HESITANT TO SAY THAT A CREW IS FORMED THROUGH UNITY,
BUT THIS SHIP WAS JUST PUT INTO COMMI-SSION.
THE ENEMY IS VERY SKILLED.
JUST LIKE THE DRILL MANUAL SAYS, I'VE MAINTAINED THE SHAPE OF THE FLEET.
ALRIGHT, LET'S BEGIN.
21:32
THEY WON'T LOSE IN TERMS OF SKILL.
BUT THE INDIVIDUALS JUST BECAME SKILLED SOLDIERS.
MY CUTE CREW.
I'VE BECOME TIRED OF WAITING.

START THE BATTLE!
LAUNCH ALL MINES!
MINES LAUNCHING!
MINE 7 LAUNCHING.
MINE 8 LAUNCHING.
MINE 9 LAUNCHING.
MINE 10 LAUNCHING.

ENEMY SPACE-TIME BUBBLE NUMBER 1 ERADICATED!
MINE 8 SPACE-TIME FUSION.

ENEMY SPACE-TIME BUBBLE NUMBER 6 WAS MISSED
MINE 9 SPACE-TIME FUSION.
MINE 10 SPACE-TIME FUSION. ENEMY SPACE-TIME BUBBLE NUMBER 7 ERADICATED!
MINE 7 SPACE-TIME FUSION. ENEMY SPACE-TIME BUBBLE NUMBER 3 ERADICATED.
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THERE ARE MANY SPACE-TIME BUBBLE FUSIONS FROM MULTIPLE DIRECTIONS.
DON'T MIND THEM.
THEY ARE STILL APPROACHING.
HEAD FOR ENEMY NUMBER 4 AT FULL FORCE!
TURN AROUND 40 DEGREES TO THE RIGHT!
IT WAS A SAFE STRATEGY... THOUGH I DON'T FEEL LIKE GOING OUT LIKE THIS.

WHEN WE FUSE DON'T WAIT FOR INSTRUCTIONS AND SHOOT.
UNDERSTOOD.
FUSE AT THE BOW.
SPACE-TIME BUBBLE FUSION POSITION...
I SEE THEM.
DISTANCE 100 NAUTICAL MILES. DISTANCE 50...
SARUSH!
FROC-RASH SYNCHRONIZE!
SPACE-TIME FUSION!
I SEE
ALL HANDS PREPARE TO FIRE THE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC CANNON!

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GUH!

GUH!

[CREST OF THE STARS]
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